

*First*  
*Annual Report*



**The  
Women's Society  
of  
Christian Service  
including  
Wesleyan Service Guild**

**LOUISIANA CONFERENCE A  
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
1968 - 1969**

# CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES 1969-1970

September 1 .....	Local Officers Assume Office
October 14-15 .....	Mid-Year Meeting of Conference Executive Committee Ramada Inn — Alexandria
October 18-19 .....	Mid-Year Conference Guild Committee Meeting Holiday Inn — Alexandria
October 25-31 .....	Call to Prayer and Self-Denial
November 7 .....	World Community Day
March .....	World Day of Prayer
March 13-15 .....	Annual Meeting Conference Wesleyan Service Guild First United Methodist Church — New Orleans
March 16-17 .....	Women's Society Conference Executive Committee First United Methodist Church — New Orleans
March 18-19 .....	Annual Meeting Conference Women's Society First United Methodist Church — New Orleans
March 29 .....	Easter
April .....	District Annual Women's Society Meetings

Date	District	Church
April 7.....	Shreveport.....	Broadmoor, Shreveport
April 8.....	Ruston.....	Trinity, Ruston
April 9.....	Monroe.....	McGuire Church, West Monroe
April 10.....	Alexandria.....	Bunkie
April 13.....	Lake Charles.....	First United Church, Lake Charles
April 14.....	Lafayette.....	Crowley
April 15.....	Baton Rouge .....	University Church, Baton Rouge
April 16.....	Hammond .....	Slidell
April 17.....	New Orleans.....	Lake Vista, New Orleans
April 15-16 .....	State Church Women United Assembly — Lafayette	
April 29 .....	District Officers' Training Day Horseshoe United Methodist Church, Alexandria	
May 1 .....	May Fellowship Day	
May 7-10 .....	General Assembly, Houston	
May-June .....	Election of Local Officers — Women's Society and Guild Send Officer List to District Secretary	
June 15-19 .....	West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission Mt. Sequoyah	
July 20-24 .....	Conference School of Christian Mission Centenary College, Shreveport	
July 24-25 .....	Guild Weekend, Centenary College, Shreveport	

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**UNITING SERVICE**

**July 17, 1968**

#### **BROWN CHAPEL - CENTENARY COLLEGE**

**Shreveport, Louisiana**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

held at

#### **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Alexandria, Louisiana**

#### **March 12 - 14, 1969**

Edited by:    **MRS. L. C. AYCOCK, Chairman**  
                  **MRS. C. B. McGOWAN**  
                  **MRS. W. B. GARDNER**  
                  **MRS. J. F. ROSETT**  
                  **MISS MILDRED EVANS**  
                  **MRS. G. W. DAMERON**  
                  **MISS ELIZABETH LANGFORD**



Mrs. Hugh H. Hoff  
1941-1942

PICTURE NOT AVAILABLE

Mrs. W. R. Simmons  
1942-1943

*With love and appreciation for their  
outstanding leadership, we dedicate this  
**FIRST ANNUAL REPORT**  
to the past Conference Secretaries and present Chairman  
of the Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Louisiana  
Conference.*



Mrs. Minza Rabun  
1954-1958



Miss Sue Batton  
1958-1962  
(Deceased)

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**Miss Grace Lawson**  
1943-1950



**Mrs. Vernon E. Carter**  
1950-1954

These dedicated women have lead the Guilds of our conference in making a profound contribution, both spiritually and financially, toward fulfilling the PURPOSE of the Women's Societies and Wesleyan Service Guilds during their terms of office.



**Miss Arline Tyler**  
1962-1966



**Miss Mildred Evans**  
1966-

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**P U R P O S E**  
**of the**  
**WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE**  
**AND WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD**  
**OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

The purpose of the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild shall be to help women grow in the knowledge and experience of God as revealed in Jesus Christ; to challenge them to respond to God's redemptive purpose in the world, to unite them in a Christian fellowship to make Christ known through the world; and to develop a personal responsibility for the whole task of the church.

Toward the realization of this purpose, the Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild shall provide opportunities and resources to meet the needs and interests of women; to increase their knowledge of the concerns and responsibilities of the church in the world; and to share in Christian witness, service, and missionary outreach.

The Women's Society and Guild shall enlist workers and secure funds for the fulfillment of their responsibility in the mission of the church at home and overseas.



## COVER OF THIS REPORT

### The Emblem

The new official emblem for The United Methodist Church combines the cross and a flame symbolizing the Holy Spirit. The new emblem for Women's Societies and Wesleyan Service Guilds likewise includes the cross and flame.

The cross and flame are ancient symbols of the church dating back to the days of Christ and Pentecost. Each evokes images of sacrifice, witness and service. They remind us of both the opportunities and obligations of discipleship. Paul's ancient words to Timothy have fresh and contemporary meaning: "...I now remind you to stir into flame the gift of God which is within you". (II Timothy 1:6a-NEB)

As part of the emblem for the Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild these symbols remind us of our PURPOSE, that of helping women to grow in their understanding of and willingness to participate in the mission of the church. These also remind us of our heritage, of women who pioneered in the service for the church at home and abroad and in organizing women for mission service and support in many areas of need.

The shape of the emblem is likewise symbolic. It is fluid and free-flowing, suggesting change and mobility. As organized groups of women, this has been our heritage. Often at the forefront of movements for change, at times supporting the projects initiated by others, but always aware of the times and striving to move with them rather than be overwhelmed by them.

The cross, the flame, and the individual with her abilities and opportunities — all elements of a 20th century movement for United Methodist Women.

The colors are flame and gold.

## PRESIDENT OF WOMEN'S DIVISION

Mrs. Wayne W. Harrington ..... 4903 California Street, Apt. 6  
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21st and Division, York, Nebraska 68467  
..... Miss Freda Betts  
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## CONFERENCE PROGRAM COUNCIL DIRECTOR

Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn ..... P. O. Box 4325, Shreveport, La. 71104

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# LOUISIANA CONFERENCE A OFFICERS

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Secretary ..... Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Box 366, Ruston 71270  
Treasurer ..... Mrs. W. B. Gardner, P. O. Box 445, Mooringsport 71060

### Chairmen, Program Areas

Christian Social Relations ..... Mrs. R. E. Carter, 2603 Merwin St.,  
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Historian ..... Mrs. G. W. Dameron, 112 Redd Drive, Pineville 71360  
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Member of Committee on Nominations of  
South Central Jurisdiction Society/Guild ..... Mrs. George Thomas,  
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### HISTORICAL FACTS

#### Membership and Financial History

Year	Membership WSCS	Membership WSG	Giving
1968-69	11872	1751	\$168,683.38

#### Annual Meeting

1969 — First United Methodist Church, Alexandria, March 12-14

#### Projects and Directors in our Conference

Business Girls' Inn ..... 814 Cotton St., Shreveport, La. 71101  
Mrs. Maxine Watkins, Director  
Dulac Community Center ..... P. O. Box 1150, Dulac, La. 70353  
Mr. Allen Hebert, Director  
MacDonell Methodist Center ..... 1210 E. Main, Houma, La. 70360  
Mr. G. Jerry Bridges, Director  
Peoples' Methodist Community Center ..... 2019 Simon Bolivar Ave., New Orleans, La.  
Rev. Nathaniel Perry, Superintendent  
Sager-Brown School ..... Box Q, Baldwin, La. 70514  
Miss Rosie Ann Cobb, Superintendent  
St. Mark's Community Center ..... 1130 N. Rampart St., New Orleans, La. 70116  
Miss Louise Sharp, Executive Director

## CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

### ADMINISTRATIVE

Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Chairman  
Mrs. Carl Gallaher  
Mrs. W. B. Gardner  
Mrs. L. C. Aycock  
Mrs. Gilbert Bandel

### ANNUAL REPORT

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Mrs. W. B. Gardner  
Miss Mildred Evans  
Miss Elizabeth Langford

### PROGRAM COMMITTEE

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Mrs. L. C. Aycock  
Mrs. W. B. Gardner  
Mrs. R. E. Carter  
Mrs. Gilbert Bandel  
Mrs. George Chastain  
Mrs. Robert Compton

### CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Chairman  
Mrs. Carl Gallaher  
Mrs. L. C. Aycock  
Miss Mildred Evans  
Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick

### CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Mrs. R. E. Carter, Chairman  
Chairman of Task Groups

### DISTRICT OFFICER TRAINING

Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Chairman  
Mrs. L. C. Aycock  
Mrs. Don Wineinger

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Chairman  
Mrs. C. B. McGowan  
Mrs. L. C. Aycock  
Mrs. R. E. Carter  
Mrs. Carl Gallaher  
Mrs. Gilbert Bandel  
Miss Mildred Evans  
District Treasurers

### PLACE OF MID-YEAR AND ANNUAL MEETING

Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, Chairman  
Mrs. L. C. Aycock  
Mrs. Harris Copenhaver

### NOMINATIONS

Mrs. E. E. Cayard, Chairman  
Mrs. W. F. Manning, 1 year  
Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick, 1 year  
Mrs. E. E. Cayard, 2 years  
Mrs. Jessie Porter, 2 years  
Mrs. Harvey Henry, 3 years  
Mrs. John Nelson, 3 years

### ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

Mrs. George Chastain, Jr., Chairman  
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Mrs. W. B. Gardner  
Mrs. R. E. Carter  
Mrs. R. E. Compton  
Mrs. E. E. Cayard  
Miss Mildred Evans

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Mrs. John Adams, Registrar  
Mrs. W. L. Murdock, Housing  
Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick,  
Chairman of Arrangements  
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Mrs. W. B. Gardner  
Mrs. R. E. Carter  
Mrs. Gilbert Bandel  
Mrs. George Chastain, Jr.  
Mrs. Robert Compton  
Mrs. L. C. Aycock  
Miss Mildred Evans

### **YOUTH MISSION TOUR**

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Mrs. Gilbert Bandel  
Mrs. John Oldham  
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Mrs. Beldon Fox  
Mrs. Sam Clay  
Mrs. T. C. Young

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(00) indicates number of members

1969-1970

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Spiritual Growth ..... Mrs. R. C. Thom, Box 94, Pollock 71467

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Secretary Program Materials .....  
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First (115) ..... Mrs. L. L. Guillory, 501 Stephens, Natchitoches 71457  
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 Greensburg Wesley Chapel (12) ..... Mrs. Willie Redden, Rt. 2, Box 97, Greensburg 70441  
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 Kentwood (22) ..... Mrs. Sam P. Jones, P. O. Box 251, Kentwood 70444  
 Lasseigne (20) ..... Mrs. Morris Felder, 525 Melrose Dr., Laplace 70068  
 Lee's Landing (13) ..... Mrs. Milton Raiford, Sr., Rt. 2, Box 73, Ponchatoula 70454  
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 Meadow's Chapel (12) ..... Mrs. Shelton Dupur, Rt. 1, Box 114C-1, Gonzales 70737  
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 Mt. Hermon (9) ..... Mrs. John Ott, Mt. Hermon 70450  
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 Pine Grove (3) ..... Mrs. Winnie Sibley, Pine Grove 70453  
 Pine Ridge ( ) .....



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### Chairmen, Program Areas

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**Sub-District I Chairman: Mrs. W. Spiller Milton, 120 Hialeah, Houma 70360**

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## ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

### 1968-1969

On September 18, 1968, the Administrative Committee, Louisiana Conference A Women's Society of Christian Service, was polled by letter and telephone and approved the selection of Mrs. J. R. Rosett, Mrs. L. C. Aycock and Mrs. Robert Compton, as nominees from which the Women's Division can make a selection for its Advisory Committees in the Regions. Four to six conference representatives from the region (each conference selected three nominees) who shall be conference officers, secretaries or chairmen. Membership shall be for the quadrennium or until the term of office expires. Membership Replacement for representatives from conferences whose term of office expires should not be named from the same conference.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary  
Mrs. C. B. McGowan, President

(Approved by the Executive Committee October 15, 1968.)

On February 4, 1969, the Administrative Committee was polled by letter and approved the following actions:

Sending two people to Little Rock to the Workshop on Human Rights, at conference expense, and giving the Conference President the privilege of selecting those who would represent us from among the members of the Executive Committee.

Participating in two Hub City Workshops on World Understanding. One Workshop is in Fort Worth and the other in Jackson, Mississippi. There would be no cost to the conference for those attending the Workshops.

The Conference President attending the Jurisdictional Meeting on COSMOS and providing expense of transportation, if needed. This meeting is in Dallas, February 20-21, 1969. COSMOS will take care of meals and lodging.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary  
Mrs. C. B. McGowan, President

(Approved by Executive Committee March 18, 1969)

On April 9, 1969 the Administrative Committee was polled by letter and approved the postponement of the Experience-Enrichment Workshop to an undetermined date. The Experience-Enrichment Team could not come to our conference at the time the invitation was set, October 14-16, 1969. The committee could not meet on either of the dates suggested by the Team, November 10 or 17, 1969.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary  
Mrs. C. B. McGowan, President

(Approved by Executive Committee July 22, 1969)

On June 3, 1969, the Administrative Committee was polled by personal contact and by telephone and approved the nomination of Mrs. Carl Gallaher as Conference Vice President to replace Mrs. J. F. Rosett who had moved to California.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary  
Mrs. C. B. McGowan, President

(Approved July 22, 1969 by Executive Committee)

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

On April 9, 1969 the Conference Executive Committee was polled by letter and approved the nominees and alternate for possible membership on the Regional School Planning and Nominating Committee: Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, Mrs. J. F. Rosett, and Mrs. L. C. Aycock; alternate: Mrs. Robert Compton.

It was the vote of the Committee that Mrs. George Thomas be invited to be a member of the Executive Committee for the duration of the time she serves on the Nominating Committee of the Jurisdiction Society-Guild Core Group.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary

Mrs. C. B. McGowan, President

(Approved by Executive Committee July 22, 1969)

## CALLED MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A called meeting of the Louisiana Conference A Women's Society of Christian Service Executive Committee was held Tuesday, July 16, 1968, at 9:00 p.m. in the Library Room in James Dormitory on Centenary Campus, Shreveport, with the president, Mrs. C. B. McGowan, presiding.

Mrs. McGowan stated the two purposes of the meeting were: (1) to hear the report of the committee working on the Sub-District Guidelines; (2) to nominate four conference officers whose names would be sent to the Board of Missions for possible election to the 1970 Regional School Planning Committee or the Committee on Nominations.

Roll call was answered by the following: Mesdames C. B. McGowan, J. F. Rosett, L. C. Aycock, W. B. Gardner, Gilbert Bandel, John L. Howe, Robert Compton, C. R. McCammon, G. W. Dameron, T. C. Young, Wade Stonecipher, B. E. Fox, Charles Cain, Jesse Porter, Don Wineinger, E. E. Cayard, J. D. Hansard, Jr., W. F. Manning, Jr., T. E. Kirkpatrick, Jack Bussie and Miss Mildred Evans.

Communications were read from the family of The Reverend Earl Burton Emmerick and Mrs. T. E. Hampton. A card was sent to Mrs. Hampton.

Mrs. Dameron, Chairman of the Sub-District Guidelines Committee, with Mrs. George Tigner, Jr., and Mrs. Don Wineinger, as members of the committee, submitted a detailed report that included the purpose and function of a sub-district, the election and duties of the officers, the relationship of the sub-district to the local and district societies and to the total program and suggesting steps for better program planning.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick moved that we accept the report as submitted by the committee and grant latitude to explore the possibility for publishing adequate copies at reasonable cost for equitable distribution by the conference. Seconded by Mrs. Manning. Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cayard that 500 copies be printed and be sold at a minimum cost sufficient to cover cost of publishing. Seconded by Mrs. Young. Carried.

Mrs. Stonecipher moved that the committee draw up necessary plan for distribution. Seconded by Mrs. Compton. Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. McCammon that the district accept the nomination of the sub-district chairman prior to the Annual Meeting and that the method of election be left to each district. Seconded by Mrs. Kirkpatrick. Carried.

Mrs. McGowan recommended that the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws draw up bylaws for the consideration of sub-district officer election.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick moved that the Committee on Finance be asked to explore the possibility of providing subsidy or support for the attendance of Sub-District Chairmen at the School of Christian Mission at the same rate as District officers. Seconded by Mrs. Cayard. Carried.

Mrs. Dameron stated that the Committee would continue to work on the Guidelines and would have mimeographed copies for the Mid-year Executive Committee Meeting.

Mrs. McGowan reported that she would continue to represent the Louisiana Conference on the 1969 Committee on Program for the West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission. The Committee will be increased because more conferences are included in the Region than in the Jurisdiction. The nominees would be conference officers.

Those elected were Miss Evans, Mesdames Howe, Bandel and Rosett. Mrs. Gardner was elected reserve nominee in the event that a Guild member was not needed.

Mrs. McCammon moved that the nominations be accepted by acclamation. Seconded by Mrs. Dameron. Carried.

Mrs. McGowan called for a vote for those elected by acclamation to be accepted, Mrs. Howe, Mrs. Bandel, Mrs. Rosett, Miss Evans and Mrs. Gardner, as reserve. Carried.

Mrs. McGowan made these announcements: (1) Mrs. George Thomas had been elected as a member of the Committee on Nominations for the Jurisdiction. (2) Reverend Luman Douglas is the representative of the Women's Society of Christian Service from the Conference Program Council. (3) The Youth Tour would leave Sunday, July 21, and Mrs. John Oldham, Chairman, asked the prayers of the Committee for this endeavor. (4) The Conference Committee on Program omitted in the Twenty-Eighth Annual Report included the following: Mesdames Bandel, Chairman, Rosett, Gardner, McGowan, Carter, Compton, Howe, Aycock, Dameron, Young and Miss Evans.

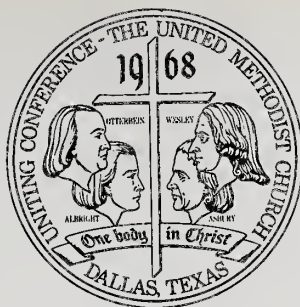
Mrs. Howe requested that the Christian Service Times be lifted and subscriptions accepted during the Responsibility Group Meetings.

Mrs. Howe dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary  
Mrs. C. B. McGowan, President

(Approved by the Executive Committee October 15, 1968)





**UNITING SERVICE**  
*of the*  
**LOUISIANA CONFERENCE**  
**WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE**  
*and the*  
**WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF WORLD SERVICE**  
*Brown Chapel*  
*Centenary College*  
*Shreveport, Louisiana*  
*two-thirty o'clock in the afternoon*  
*July 17, 1968*

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton  
Louisiana Episcopal Area

Dr. Jack S. Wilkes, Presiding  
President, Centenary College

**UNITING SERVICE**

THE PRELUDE ..... Mrs. Gilbert Bandel

THE INVITATION TO OFFER THE UNION TO GOD ..... Mrs. C. B. McGowan

"We are assembled here to unite the Women's Society of World Service, Evangelical United Brethren, and the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, The Methodist Church, and thus to bring into being the Louisiana Conference Women's Society of Christian Service, United Methodist Church. All here present are exhorted with eyes wide open to the mercies of God, and in the holy intention of love and obedience, to offer this union to God in the confident hope that it is acceptable to Him and will be a blessing to His people and to the world."

Hymn No. 310 — "Jesus We Look To Thee" ..... Mrs. Sam Ledbetter, Song Leader

Call to Worship and Invocation ..... Dr. Jack Wilkes

"This is the day the Lord hath made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Blessed be the God and Father of Jesus Christ. By his great mercy, we are born anew to a living hope through his resurrection from the dead."

**SCRIPTURE:**

Romans 12:4-13 ..... Miss Mildred Evans  
 John 17:13-26 ..... Mrs. L. C. Aycock  
 Psalms 133 ..... Mrs. George Sexton, Jr.

SERMON ..... Dr. Jack Wilkes

## THE OFFERING OF THE SYMBOLS OF UNION TO GOD

Woman's Society of  
Christian Service

Women's Society of  
World Service

Then shall two women place Holy Scriptures on the table  
Mrs. Robert Compton

Mrs. Richard Sockrider

Then shall two women place the Handbooks on the table  
Mrs. George Dameron

Mrs. Shelby Daniels

Then shall two women place the Women's Official Publications on the table  
Miss Arline Tyler

Representing -- Mrs. C. R. McCammon

Then shall two women place Special Offering Boxes on the table  
Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick

Mrs. Clive Hilton

## DECLARATION OF UNION

I, Dr. Jack Wilkes, a minister of the United Methodist Church, authorized by Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, a bishop of the United Methodist Church, hereby announce that the PLAN OF UNION as adopted by the Women's Division of World Service and the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions has become effective in the Louisiana Conference. Henceforth these two shall go forward as a single entity to be known as The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Louisiana Conference.

With the joining of hands let us say together:

"LORD OF THE CHURCH, WE ARE UNITED IN THEE AND IN THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE."

HYMN NO. 301 -- All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord

## PURPOSE OF THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE (IN UNISON)

The purpose of the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild shall be to help women grow in the knowledge and experience of God as revealed in Jesus Christ; to challenge them to respond to God's redemptive purpose in the world, to unite them in a Christian fellowship to make Christ known through the world; and to develop a personal responsibility for the whole task of the church.

Toward the realization of this purpose, the Women's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild shall provide opportunities and resources to meet the needs and interests of women; to increase their knowledge of the concerns and responsibilities of the church in the world; and to share in Christian witness, service, and missionary outreach.

The Women's Society and Guild shall enlist workers and secure funds for the fulfillment of their responsibility in the mission of the church at home and overseas.

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE



## MID-YEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Women's Society of Christian Service  
Natchitoches, Louisiana, October 15-16, 1968

The Mid-Year Executive Committee meeting of the Louisiana Conference A Women's Society of Christian Service was convened at 1:45 p.m. Tuesday, October 15, 1968, in the parlor of the First United Methodist Church, Natchitoches, Louisiana, with Mrs. C. B. McGowan, president, presiding. Various committees met Monday and Tuesday preceding the opening session, with coffee, dinner and luncheon served by the host society.

**THE OPENING WORSHIP** was given by The Reverend Jolly B. Harper, pastor of the host church. The hymn, "Blessed Assurance", was sung by the group. Reverend Harper's thoughts were based on the fourth chapter of Joshua, relating the history in this story to that of the city and to the growth of Methodism of Natchitoches. He stressed the importance of choosing what to preserve from our past that can be used in our future. The challenge to members of the Women's Society that we are more than a structure or an organization, but a group with influence whose aims are out front.

Mrs. McGowan called the attention that history is being made as this is the first regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the new Women's Society of Christian Service where we work in the present and plan for the future that we may catch a vision of the forward thrust of these organizations, the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

**THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** by the President, Mrs. McGowan, who expressed appreciation to Reverend Harper and the local ladies for entertaining the committee in this church.

**COMMITTEES WERE APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS:** Examiners of the Minutes, Mrs. J. F. Rosett and Mrs. Gilbert Bandel. Resolutions, Mrs. Robert Compton and Mrs. J. D. Hansard, Jr.

**ROLL CALL** was answered by the following: Mesdames C. B. McGowan, J. F. Rosett, L. C. Aycock, W. B. Gardner, R. E. Carter, Gilbert Bandel, John L. Howe, Jr., Robert Compton, G. W. Dameron, T. C. Young, W. M. Coffey, Wade Stonecipher, John Nelson, B. E. Fox, Sr., Charles Cain, Jesse Porter, Don Wineinger, J. W. Boyd, Edgar E. Cayard, J. D. Hansard, Jr., W. F. Manning, Jr., F. E. Kennon, T. E. Kirkpatrick and Jack Bussie. Cards were sent to those absent.

Mrs. McGowan welcomed members who were attending the committee meeting for the first time and a visitor, Mrs. P. L. Foreman.

**MINUTES** of the Administrative Committee were read and approved. Mrs. McGowan stated Louisiana Conference A had been transferred to the Nashville Region from the Dallas Region.

The minutes of the July 16, 1968, Called Meeting of the Executive Committee had been previously mailed to the members. Mrs. Kirkpatrick moved the approval of these minutes. Motion seconded by Mrs. Manning and carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS** were read from Mrs. G. E. Laskey, Mrs. Wade Stonecipher, Jeanne Bingham, The Women's Society of Christian Service of Nebraska Conference United Methodist Church and the Women's Society of Christian Service of the First United Methodist Church of Omaha.

**CHANGES AND ADDITIONS** of officers in the Twenty-Eighth Annual Report were

submitted. Mrs. Manning moved that the secretary compile one list of changes and mail to members of the committee. Motion seconded by Mrs. Young and carried.

In the absence of Mrs. Laskey, Mrs. McGowan brought highlights from the meeting of the Regional Conference on Motivation for Missions recently held in Dallas. "For the quadrennium, 1968-72, there be a composite form one report for each local, district and conference society and guild; and that there be two report periods during the year. It is suggested the fall report be evaluative report and that the spring report be both evaluative and statistical." Groups will meet as an Executive Meeting to compile reports on all levels. The December Methodist Woman will have a sample copy of the report. These report periods do not include the treasurer's report. Mrs. McGowan stated the Division and Jurisdiction societies no longer send directives, but the conference executive committee is the decision maker, not the Women's Division.

## **DISTRICT REPORTS**

### **ALEXANDRIA**

Mrs. T. C. Young, president, reported our concern for the needy of the world was deepened by the challenging message brought by Dr. Francis Brockman at our annual meeting. The standing rules for the district was presented and adopted. All of our District officers attended the District Officers training in Pineville. Mrs. John Tubbs attended the Jurisdictional Mission Conference at Mt. Sequoyah. Two workshops on program planning and resources were held in the district August 24th and 25th. Changes and new terminology in the church as well as the Women's Society were discussed. Also materials for a program on Human Rights were given to each Society. The District Mission Study Conference, September 24, in Alexandria was outstanding and well attended. Books were sold at this and the workshop meetings. How to better use the Louisiana Conference Annual report; Interpretation of the new Constitution and the By-Laws and the new Sub-District Guide; and discussion of officers responsibilities was the program of our four Sub-District meetings. Our District Finance Committee has been working on a District Cultivation budget. We need to promote more giving through Pledge to Missions in the local church. I attended and gave a W.S.C.S. report at the District Laymen's Retreat. Evergreen Society joined Bunkie Society and I hope will absorb all of their members. Hopewell Society disbanded but their members have been invited to join Elizabeth. We have a District member and prospects of a new society at Belah.

### **BATON ROUGE**

Mrs. Wade Stonecipher, president, reported the Baton Rouge District is composed of 55 Societies with 2121 members and 14 Guild Units with 237 members, a total of 2358 members. One new Society and one new Guild Unit is being organized at the Francis Asbury Church in Baton Rouge. Dr. Brockman, the speaker for all District Annual meetings this year, was well received and an inspiration for the local women of the 33 churches in attendance. Officer training, in the spring as well as Sub-District meetings were held in each Sub-District. The District chairman of Christian Social Relations attended the Conference at Mt. Sequoyah and worked with the youth in the Inner City Project of New Orleans. The District chairman of Missionary Education was at the Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah, and cooperated with the District Committee in planning the Mission Study Conferences held in Hammond and Baton Rouge. Of great interest was the increase in registration of representatives of the local churches, indicating a move toward total church programming. A workshop was not held in order to emphasize the importance of the Study Conference. It was our great joy and privilege to have Miss Elma Ashby in our district for 10 days to speak to many varied groups and churches. Her schedule was arranged through a "task group" under the direction of the District Chairman of Missionary Education. Last, but definitely not least, was the fact that the Baton Rouge District met its pledge and we will do it again . . . WITH GOD'S HELP . . .

## LAFAYETTE

Mrs. B. E. Fox, Sr., president, reported membership in the District shows an increase of 3; 2 societies have disbanded and 2 have joined together, but in spite of this we are proud to report our pledge for the year 1967-68 was overpaid \$389.87, of this amount \$150.00 was overpaid by the Guild. The District Annual meeting was well attended. The statement was made that during the 42 years of attending District meetings this was one of the most inspirational. In the spring 4 zone meetings were held, the majority of the societies were represented. The District Executive Committee presented the program on "The New Constitution and By-Laws and New Structure". Local societies have reported this very helpful. An offering was sent to Missions in honor of the workers of the projects in the Lafayette District that were leaving: Reverend and Mrs. Jerry Moon and Miss Patsy Smith, U-S-2, all of Dulac Community Center and Reverend Wayne Smith, Director of Wesley Foundation, USL. The District Mission Study Conference, held in September, was well attended and excellent cooperation was in evidence between the Women's Society, Guild and Church. The District President has met with the four Sub-District Chairmen and their presidents, during the month of September. Enthusiasm has been keen and Sub-District meetings are being well planned. Two have already been held with good programs and attendance. The other two will be held the latter part of October. Cooperation and planning with the Guild Chairman and the 8 Guilds has been gratifying.

## LAKE CHARLES

Mrs. Jesse Porter, president, reported that all of Lake Charles District officers and Sub-District Chairmen attended the officer training at Pineville. Three Sub-District meetings followed. They were held at Westlake, Ville Platte and DeRidder. The new purpose was defined and the new structure of the Women's Society was presented. Five youths went on the Mission Tour. There was fine cooperation with the District Study Conference, with two meetings at Simpson Church in Lake Charles. One was held at night and one in the morning. These were integrated meetings. On October 4 a Day Apart was held at Lake Arthur Camp Grounds. The District Executive Committee meeting was August 20. A news letter followed. Each officer shared information received. Planned presidents' meetings will be held in each Sub-District. The treasurer, Mrs. Leo Hoffpauir, reported 21% of pledge had been paid the first quarter. There are two former Evangelical United Brethren Women's Societies in the district. The society at Roanoke had recently become a guild.

## MONROE

Mrs. Wineinger, president, reported that statistically, the work of The Monroe District is difficult to assess. Our giving on pledge was slightly less through May 20 than the previous year. In the spring a new society with 16 members was formed. Then, just before Conference, a congregation withdrew from The United Methodist Church, and with it a society of 25 members. We have to run fast just to stay where we were. The Service of Celebration has received a good response, and some new members are being reached. At the District Conference last fall we had the opportunity of presenting the work of the society in a favorable light, and at an early point in the program. Dr. Brockman was well-received in the spring annual meeting. A Local Officers Training Day was held, with four zones combined. Evaluation points to this as being satisfactory for most of the women of the district. Attendance at the School of Christian Mission is not as representative as we would like. Planning for the District Mission Study Conference began early. Two laymen, two Guilders, two WSCS members, and two ministers made up the committee. Sessions were held on two successive nights, schedules being identical. Attendance was 210 different persons, 14 of these being leaders. There were 23 pastors, 31 other men, and 142 women. Many local congregations are already in church-wide studies. As the round of sub-district meetings begins, we can already see results from the Guide, both in more local planning, and in other recommendations. Cooperation with the Guild continues to be good. We have sought to have more communication with them on financial matters. This year our Chairman of Spiritual Growth was asked to present the Gospel of John at the fall training session at Camp Chemin-a-Haut.



## NEW ORLEANS

Mrs. Edgar E. Cayard, president, reported that the annual meeting of the New Orleans District was held April 21, 1968, at First Methodist Church. Dr. Francis L. Brockman spoke on the subject "One Man's View of Human Need". A new society is being formed in New Sarpy. District Officers attended training day in Pineville, and presented training day for the local officers on May 15 at the Elysian Fields Church. The district president and one Youth delegate attended the Jurisdictional Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah. The district was well-represented at the School of Missions. We cooperated in the planning and presentation of the District Mission Study Conference which was held September 29 with both Conferences A and B sharing equal responsibility. There was good attendance and participation in the Mission Institute presented by the Church Women United on September 28. The charter meeting of the "Women's Auxiliary" to the New Methodist Hospital was held September 30 with a large and enthusiastic group in attendance. Bishop Walton formally opened and consecrated the hospital on October 10. Mrs. Edward McDevitt participated in the Annual Retreat of the New Orleans District Women's Society, Conference B, held in Lawless Chapel at Dillard University July 27. Miss Elma Ashby, a nurse in Rhodesia, was in our district August 25-September 2. Arrangements were made for her visits to several local groups. The District Officers have been visiting in local societies. The president has been a guest at several of the charter meetings. Board meetings of St. Marks Community Center and Wesley Foundation at Tulane University are attended by the district president. The women of the district are cooperating with the International Student program serving as "host families" to many of the foreign students. The newsletter is published quarterly following Executive Committee meetings.

## RUSTON

Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr., president, reported that all district officers and sub-district leaders attended Officers Training Day in Pineville April 17. Officers training was held in each of the four sub-districts from April 30 through May 9. At these meetings new changes in structure were given, as well as regular training of new local officers. Attendance was good at all four meetings. The annual district executive committee meeting was held May 15th. Retiring officers made their yearly reports and turned over "Procedural Files" to the new officers at this time. The out-going treasurer reported that Ruston District had overpaid her pledge of \$15,928.00 by the sum of \$408.95. Fourteen Societies and three Guilds had complied with the request that we double our payment for Supply Askings this year. During the month of June local presidents met with their respective sub-district leaders and the district president. These meetings were used to discuss plans for the coming year's program in the sub-district as well as the local society. It was also a time for fellowship with the feeling being that the better they knew each other and their hopes for the coming year the better these plans could be accomplished by all. Visitation of the local societies by the district officers and sub-district leaders was discussed and the decision was that plans should be made to continue it. The School of Christian Missions held during July at Centenary College was attended by twenty-five members of Ruston district. There were two guild members and six district and one conference officer among those attending. The Mission Study Conference was held in cooperation with the District Chairman on Missions September 4th at First Church in Minden. In spite of torrential rains the attendance was good with 186 persons in attendance. The group was made up of ministers, chairmen of commission on missions and members of both the Guild and Women's Society. The three studies were presented in two sessions each thus allowing each individual to receive teaching instructions in two studies. Sub-district meetings for the fall have been planned around program planning and new forms for local societies and sub-districts. The new Constitution and By-Laws and the new Guidelines for Sub-Districts are being used in these programs with the use of local women as the participants. One new society has been reactivated at the Sibley Church with a membership of twelve. One Guild has been organized at Trinity, the Bennett Steere Guild, with a membership of nineteen. This makes a total of 34 Societies with a membership of 1,366 and 11 Guilds with 237 members. The total membership of societies and guilds in Ruston is now 1,603.

## SHREVEPORT

Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick, president, reported that Dr. Francis L. Brockman spoke to an enthusiastic group of 200 women at the district annual meeting in March. During the noon hour, slides were shown depicting the varied activities of local societies in the district. Leadership training was offered in three sub-districts in late spring. Over 90% of our members live less than an hour's drive from Shreveport and their attendance at the day portion of the School of Christian Mission is consistently good. This means our district program must compliment rather than compete with this learning opportunity. We were able this year to move into the District Mission Study Conference as planned by the district committee on mission studies. Sunday afternoon, September 15, found persons from Districts A and B gathered for training for church-wide mission study for adults, youth and children. The time of the meeting offered opportunity for guild persons and men to attend (21 of whom were not clergy). Because of over five inches of rain that day, the district Women's Society went to sub-district 2 later for a make-up program. In a year when the Women's Society is divorcing itself from youth in its structure patterns, we have had a youth and a student attend the Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah and a youth on the Conference Mission tour. The District Society was contacted by the Centenary Methodist Student Movement for help with weekly meals. A coordinator was selected and 14 societies are engaged in this project. If continued beyond this semester, we are hopeful this will become a church activity, with the women doing their share as church members. We are continuing to cooperate in every way possible with the district church program. Within the structure of the church, we see ourselves as first of all individual members of the church available for participation in all its affairs on every level; and secondly, as an organization of women within the church who desire to go further in a study and involvement in the development of our faith and in its application to the issues and concerns of the church and the world. Such women in our district cared enough last year to increase their missionary giving by more than \$1600; and many became missionaries themselves by helping in various ways with nursing home patients, mentally ill, shut-ins, the aged, scouts, remedial education, neighborhood center work, etc. Shockwaves from the threats of "change" have caused tremors for some, but we continue to hope that these will, in time, become new instruments of constructive Christian creativity and development in local groups.

**RESIGNATION.** A letter of resignation from Mrs. Howe, as Conference Chairman of Spiritual Growth was read. Mrs. Howe had been elected to the South Central Jurisdiction Society-Guild Core Planning Group as a member-at-large. Mrs. Kirkpatrick moved that we accept Mrs. Howe's resignation with regret and express our appreciation to her for her contribution to our conference through her office. Mrs. Manning seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.** Mrs. C. R. McCammon, chairman, reported her committee received Mrs. Howe's resignation with regret. The name of Mrs. George Chastain, Lake Charles, to serve Mrs. Howe's unexpired term, was submitted. Mrs. McCammon moved the acceptance of the report. Motion seconded and carried.

## CONFERENCE OFFICERS REPORTS

Reports were made by the following conference officers: Vice President, Mrs. J. F. Rosett; Secretary, Mrs. L. C. Aycock; and Treasurer, Mrs. W. B. Gardner. See index for full report of these officers.

## PROGRAM AREAS AND LINES OF WORK REPORTS

Reports were made by the following: Chairman, Christian Social Relations, Mrs. R. E. Carter; Chairman, Missionary Education, Mrs. Gilbert Bandel; Chairman, Spiritual Growth,

Mrs. John L. Howe; Secretary, Program Materials, Mrs. Robert Compton; Mrs. Aycock reported for the Wesleyan Service Guild in the absence of Miss Mildred Evans. See index for full reports.

**THE COMMITTEE RECESSED** for dinner at 6:30 p.m. which was served in the Fellowship Hall by the ladies of the host society. The committee reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:** Mrs. Gardner, Conference Treasurer. Mrs. Hansard, secretary of the committee, read the proposed pledge to Missions for June 1, 1969 through December 31, 1969. Mrs. Gardner moved that it be accepted as read. Motion carried.

### 1. Pledge to Missions — Women's Division

Alexandria .....	\$ 9,112.00
Baton Rouge .....	15,396.00
Lafayette .....	8,831.00
Lake Charles .....	12,648.00
Monroe .....	12,316.00
New Orleans .....	15,458.00
Ruston .....	10,914.00
Shreveport .....	21,179.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$105,854.00</b>

Mrs. Hansard read the proposed Conference Budget for June 1, 1969 through December 31, 1969. Mrs. Gardner moved that it be accepted as read. Motion carried.

2. Office Expense .....	\$ 800.00
Annual Meeting .....	1,000.00
Interim Report .....	600.00
Conference Report Meeting .....	275.00
Jurisdiction Annual Meeting .....	750.00
Regional School of Christian Mission .....	900.00
Jurisdiction Cultivation .....	600.00
Christian Service Times .....	500.00
Conference School of Christian Mission .....	1,400.00
Conference Program Council .....	350.00
Christian Social Relations .....	175.00
Cooperative Meetings .....	500.00
Tour .....	300.00
Miscellaneous .....	600.00
Wesleyan Service Guild .....	1,850.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$10,600.00</b>

The following recommendations were read by Mrs. Hansard and were individually adopted, on motion by Mrs. Gardner, except recommendations 6 and 8. Mrs. Kirkpatrick moved that recommendations 6 and 8 be reconciled to be one by omitting recommendation 8 and rewording recommendation 6. Mrs. Gardner seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Revisions made in this copy).

3. That a subsidy of \$9.00, the same as to district officers, be given to all sub-district chairmen who attend and participate in the Conference School of Christian Missions.

4. That we recommend to each district society that they allow the expense for the



district chairman of missionary education or a representative to attend the 1969 Jurisdictional Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah and that, if needed, each district expense be supplemented by the conference society in the amount of \$15.00.

5. That \$25.00 each, be allowed for up to four (4) student delegates who attend the 1969 Jurisdictional Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah.

6. That up to \$600.00 be allowed for district leadership training April 23, 1969, to include district and conference elected leadership.

7. That up to \$300.00 be allowed for a study-retreat to include members of the Louisiana Conference Women's Society executive committee and the 8 district chairmen of spiritual growth.

8. That an amount up to 15% of the pledge to missions be placed in cultivation for the Conference Society.

The Committee recommended that all district presidents and district treasurers with the conference president and conference treasurer meet at some future date to consider a method for making district budgets.

**COMMITTEE ON MISSION TOUR** — In the absence of Mrs. John Oldham, Director, Mrs. Howe read a letter of appreciation for the support given by the Conference Women's Society. The following statement of the 1968 Conference Youth Mission Tour was prepared by Mr. Oldham:

**Income:**

37 youths at \$90.00 each .....	\$3,330.00
Conference W.S.C.S. ....	700.00
	<u>\$4,030.00</u>

**Expense:**

Bus .....	\$2,464.00
Meals and Lodging .....	1,780.00
Publicity, Mailings, Name Tags, Telephone .....	160.00
Insurance .....	56.00
	<u>\$4,460.00</u>
Deficit .....	<u>\$ 430.00</u>

In order to continue this worthwhile and needed tour, which youth look forward to each year, I recommend, as suggested by the youth, that the cost per tour member be increased to \$100.00, plus present amount from the W.S.C.S. Also, that the tour be shortened by two days and travel more miles, since there is now a minimum per day charge for bus charters.

**The committee recommended —**

1. That there be no Louisiana Conference Youth Mission Tour.
2. That the Louisiana Conference Women's Society sponsor a conference Youth Workcamp to start the first week in June, 1969.
3. That Mr. and Mrs. Oldham be asked to direct the workcamp.
4. That the committee on tours be empowered to plan and implement the workcamp in consultation with the Louisiana Conference Women's Society Administrative Committee.

The Committee on Tours requests that the Louisiana Conference Women's Society underwrite the workcamp with a fund in the amount of \$700.00 and that the cost per participant in the workcamp be set at \$100.00.

Mrs. Howe moved the acceptance of the report. Motion seconded by Mrs. Bandel. Motion carried.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick moved that the Executive Committee rescind its action relative to provision of funds for a Youth Mission Tour and that the action of this committee approving a Youth Workcamp in 1969 be referred to the Committee on Finance for a recommendation regarding funds for this project. Seconded by Mrs. Dameron. Motion carried.

LATER, Mrs. Howe reported a phone call from Mrs. Oldham, who after discussing with Mr. Oldham the 1969 Youth Workcamp, decided that it will be impossible for them to assume this responsibility. They recommend that the conference not sponsor a summer workcamp. The feeling is that the time for tours has passed.

Mrs. Howe moved that the Committee on Tours recommendations 2, 3 and 4 be rescinded. Motion seconded by Mrs. Manning. Motion carried. Mrs. Gardner reported for the Committee on Finance and moved that their recommendation number 8 be rescinded and recommendation number 9 be renumbered 8. Motion seconded by Mrs. Kirkpatrick. Motion carried.

Mrs. Dameron moved that the item (\$300.00) listed for the tour in the proposed 1969 budget be transferred to the miscellaneous fund. Motion seconded by Mrs. Young. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE ON ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM** — Mrs. Bandel, Chairman, reported the theme for the 1969 program, "What Does the Lord Require of You" and that Miss Dorothy McConnell, Mrs. Laskey and Dr. Hearn had accepted invitations to appear on the program and possibly a panel of women would participate. District reports would be included. Mrs. Bandel requested that the committee prepare for this meeting through prayer, worship and sacrifice. Mrs. Dameron would serve as co-chairman.

Mrs. Howe moved that an invitation be extended to members of Conference B Women's Society of Christian Service from the Alexandria area to the 1969 Annual meeting as non-voting participants, provided the First United Methodist Church approved. Motion seconded by Mrs. Dameron. Motion carried.

Mrs. Dameron moved that the president of Conference B Women's Society of Christian Service, Miss Ethel Alston, be invited as our guest to attend the Executive Committee meeting preceding the Annual meeting. Motion seconded and carried.

**COMMITTEE ON PLACES OF MEETING** — Mrs. Compton, Chairman, reported that an invitation for the 1969 Mid-Year Executive Committee meeting had been extended from the First United Methodist Church in Bastrop. Mrs. Manning moved that the invitation be accepted and if the meeting is not completed by the last evening, that the host society not be responsible for that evening meal. Motion seconded by Mrs. Stonecipher. Motion carried. The 1970 Annual Meeting was invited to meet at the First United Methodist Church in New Orleans. Mrs. Aycock moved to accept the invitation. Motion seconded by Mrs. Young. Motion carried.

Mrs. Compton moved that the possibility of a one-day Annual meeting in the fall of 1969 be considered and that the Administrative Committee have the authority to work out such plans. Motion seconded by Mrs. Kirkpatrick. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT OFFICER TRAINING** — Mrs. Rosett, Chairman, reported that the Training Day would be Wednesday, April 23, 1969, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Alexandria from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mrs. Dameron moved that we accept this report. Motion seconded by Mrs. Compton. Motion carried.

Committee adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

### Wednesday

The committee convened at 8:45 a.m.

**MEDITATION** was given by Mrs. Howe who used the book, "Spokesmen for God", by Edith Hamilton, for her discussion of these three points: (1) know thyself, (2) know your people, (3) know thy God and thy purpose. She reminded us that where there is no vision, people perish. We are an open window. The spirit of the Lord shines through this window.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

**SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION 1968** — Mrs. Gardner, dean, reported the school was held July 15—19, had a record registration and attendance with 271 registered. The "In Remembrance Love Gift" was \$157.03. Others assuming responsibilities at the school were Mrs. P. D. Lambert, worship settings and the Prayer Calendar; Mrs. J. T. Eubank, housing chairman; Mrs. W. D. Snelling, registrar; Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick, chairman of arrangements; Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Assistant Dean. The financial income was \$2,959.10. Disbursements were \$2,894.82. Balance on hand July 19, 1968 is \$64.28.

**SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION 1969** — Mrs. Kirkpatrick, dean, reported that the date for this school would be Tuesday afternoon, July 22-25. The three studies are: "Reconciliation in a Broken World", "Toward Understanding China and the Chinese People", "The Inner Life and the Christian in Today's World". The recommendations from the committee are:

1. That members of the societies and guilds of Conference B in the Shreveport area be invited to participate in the 1969 School of Christian Mission without limitation to number.
2. That members of Conference B be asked to serve on sub-committees in planning the School of Christian Mission.
3. That the registration fee for the School of Christian Mission be raised to \$5.00.
4. That the honorarium paid the faculty of the School of Christian Mission be raised to \$60.00 and that the book allowance be raised to \$10.00. Mrs. Kirkpatrick moved the acceptance of this report. Motion seconded by Mrs. Kennon. Motion carried.

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS** — Mrs. Dameron, chairman, proposed that during the interim period that the bylaws for all levels be printed and distributed. Mrs. Dameron read each section of each article of the conference bylaws which was individually adopted. Mrs. Dameron moved that all conference bylaws be adopted as read. Motion seconded by Mrs. Manning. Motion carried. Each conference standing rule was read and individually adopted. Mrs. Dameron moved the adoption of all conference standing rules. Motion seconded by Mrs. Aycock. Motion carried.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick read the bylaws for the district. Each section of each article was read and individually adopted. Mrs. Kirkpatrick moved that the bylaws be adopted as read. Motion seconded and carried.

Committee recessed for lunch at 12:30 which was provided by the Alexandria District Executive Committee and served by the ladies of the host society.

Committee reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

Mrs. Rosett read the bylaws for the local society. Each section of each article was adopted individually. Mrs. Rosett moved the adoption of the local bylaws as read. Motion seconded and carried. The standing rules of the local society were presented. Each was adopted individually. Mrs. Rosett moved the adoption of all local rules as presented. Motion seconded and carried.

**THE ANNUAL REPORTS** of Louisiana Conference Woman's Society and Guild for this quadrennium had been bound into one volume. Mrs. McGowan asked that a note of appreciation be sent to Mrs. J. H. McSween along with regrets that she could not be present to present the book to the committee.

**"COMMENT" SERIES** — Mrs. Gardner moved that the "Comment" series prepared by the conference elected leadership be continued in the **Louisiana Methodist**. Motion was seconded and carried. The secretary will assume the responsibility of preparing the schedule for the series.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED** — Mrs. Dameron, a state vice president, reported this agency is in the process of reorganizing and it offers wonderful opportunity for growth. She urged women to organize a unit in their community and attend meetings whenever possible.

**"CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES"** — Mrs. Howe, editor, announced the next issue would be out by November 1. She reported 543 society subscriptions and 269 guild subscriptions.

The resignation of Mrs. Howe as editor of **Christian Service Times** was read and accepted with regret. The best wishes of the committee go with Mrs. Howe as she represents Louisiana Conference in the Jurisdiction.

**"CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES" COMMITTEE** to evaluate the paper, Mrs. Gardner, chairman, stated there would be a call meeting of the committee in the near future to review and evaluate this publication.

**GUIDELINES FOR SUB-DISTRICTS COMMITTEE**, Mrs. Dameron, chairman, reported that 500 copies of **A Guideline for Sub-District Chairmen** were printed at a cost of \$22.97 in the office of the Conference Program Council. Each district received 30 copies. A sale price of 10¢ per copy was recommended. The two recommendations presented, (1) that the conference president be supplied with sufficient copies to share with others who may be interested in this project; (2) that the remaining copies be held by the conference secretary and distributed for sale as requested. Mrs. Dameron moved the adoption of the two recommendations. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Wineinger and carried.

## REPORT OF PROJECTS

**DULAC COMMUNITY CENTER** — Mrs. Fox reported that Mr. Allen Hebert has filled the position of Executive Director, left vacant by the resignation of the Reverend Jerry Moon, who will further his education at the University of Missouri. A very full program is being maintained at the Center. Mrs. Fox recommended Mr. Hebert as a lay speaker and suggests he be used to further the interest of this project in our churches.

**MacDONELL METHODIST CENTER** — Mrs. Howe stated that the program is changing to meet the needs of those enrolled. There has been an increase to 35 pupils.



**BUSINESS GIRLS' INN** — Mrs. Kirkpatrick reported that a full house of girls requires that the program and services of The Inn continue even in the absence of the director, who is on sick leave. A series of discussions "Total Self Improvement" is being planned now which will emphasize the spiritual, social, physical and intellectual. Remodeling of the reception room, office and stairway has just been completed. A new intercom system linking every room to the office, with a separate system among the staff rooms, and with an outside door speaker has been installed. This was made possible partially by a large contribution given for the purpose by individuals. A copy of the simplified budget has been sent to all ministers in the conference to share with their commissions on missions for consideration for Advance Special — which has not resulted in the amount the Finance Committee had hoped the last year. Hospitalization insurance is now available for all workers. This is the same system the church uses. In the planning stage is a retirement program for professional staff. Personnel policies have been formulated. We are currently anxious to find a woman for assistant director who is skilled in office management. Staff and members have visited many church groups to present work of The Inn.

**SAGER-BROWN SCHOOL, ST. MARKS COMMUNITY CENTER and PEOPLES' COMMUNITY CENTER** — Mrs. McGowan reports these projects continue to go forward in their program.

**COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS** — We, the Executive Committee of Louisiana Conference Women's Society of Christian Service, would like to express our appreciation to all those who have shared in this historic meeting:

To Dr. and Mrs. Jolly Harper, to the staff of First United Methodist Church, to Mrs. Paul Fleming, general chairman, to Mrs. Joe Greeson, president, and to all members of the Women's Society for all the many courtesies and kindnesses shown to us during this lovely setting.

With a backward glance, to rest the eyes, we go forward with thanksgiving for having had the privilege of being in this historic meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Robert Compton, Chairman

Mrs. J. D. Hansard

**REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON MOTIVATION FOR MISSIONS** — Mrs. McGowan, Mrs. Rosett, Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Bandel reported the highlights of this conference and expressed their appreciation for the privilege of representing the Conference Women's Society at this meeting held in Dallas.

The committee adjourned at 3:00 p.m. As a benediction the group sang, "Blest Be The Ties That Bind".

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary

Mrs. C. B. McGowan, President

Examiners of Minutes:

Mrs. J. F. Rosett

Mrs. Gilbert Bandel

## SPRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Women's Society of Christian Service

Alexandria, Louisiana

March 11, 1969

The Spring meeting of the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference A Women's Society of Christian Service was convened at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 11, 1969, in the Owen Huddle classroom at the First United Methodist Church, Alexandria, with the President, Mrs. C. B. McGowan, presiding. The opening session was preceded by meetings of the various committees with a dinner Monday evening in the Fellowship Lounge of the church, courtesy of Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Mrs. J. H. McSween and Mrs. J. E. McCampbell.

The Opening Meditation, given by Mrs. George M. Chastain, Jr., was taken from Micah 6:8. In dialogue form questions and answers were discussed concerning the scripture, "what does the Lord require of me?" We are God's levers to lift men to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly. A real love is to will good to others. Micah hated wrong and was committed to lifting mankind. His words were a challenge to all in his day as well as to us today.

Roll Call by the Secretary revealed the following present: Mesdames C. B. McGowan, J. F. Rosett, L. C. Aycock, W. B. Gardner, R. E. Carter, Gilbert Bandel, George M. Chastain, Jr., Robert Compton, G. W. Dameron, C. R. McCammon, T. C. Young, W. M. Coffey, John Nelson, B. E. Fox, Charles Cain, Jesse Porter, Don Wineinger, Ferrell Earl, Edgar E. Cayard, J. D. Hansard, Jr., W. F. Manning, Jr., F. E. Kennon, T. E. Kirkpatrick, Jack Bussie, John L. Howe, Jr., and Miss Mildred Evans. Mrs. McGowan requested that proper communications be sent to those absent.

Minutes of the Administrative Committee February 4, 1969, were approved as mailed to each member of the Executive Committee.

Minutes of the Mid-Year Executive Committee were mailed to each member of the committee. Mrs. Kirkpatrick moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and that they be approved as corrected. Motion carried.

Communications were read from Mrs. T. E. Hampton and the families of Mr. Robert Compton, Mr. Henry Lee Merrill, Mrs. Stonecipher's father, and Reverend Luman Douglas.

Committee Appointments were made by Mrs. McGowan as follows: Audit of Minutes: Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Robert Compton; Parliamentarian: Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick; Tellers: Mrs. George Thomas, Chairman of Elections. Mrs. McGowan asked District Presidents to submit lists of Distributing and Counting Tellers from their districts and they are as follows: Alexandria: Distributing, Mrs. J. F. Cox; Counting, Mrs. W. M. Coffey. Baton Rouge: Distributing, Mrs. Robert Brupbacker, Jr.; Counting, Mrs. Murphy Roberts. Lafayette: Distributing, Mrs. Mary Whitemire; Counting, Mrs. P. L. Foreman. Lake Charles: Distributing, Mrs. Estelle Stewart; Counting, Mrs. Ed Hodges. Monroe: Distributing, Mrs. J. M. Yerger; Counting, Mrs. Joe Roundtree. New Orleans: Distributing, Mrs. T. L. Ward; Counting, Mrs. W. J. Lannes. Ruston: Distributing, Mrs. Thomas Guthrie; Counting, Mrs. Don Moore. Shreveport: Distributing, Mrs. John S. Adams; Counting, Mrs. L. G. Thomas.

Mrs. McGowan expressed appreciation for all in attendance and welcomed Mrs. Chastain, who replaced Mrs. Howe as Chairman of Program Area of Spiritual Growth and Mrs. Ferrell Earl, new Treasurer of Monroe District, who replaced Mrs. J. W. Boyd. Mrs. Ethel Alston, President of Louisiana Conference B Women's Society of Christian Service, was introduced. Mrs. Alston reported 156 societies, many being small in membership. She related the increase in interest and growth of the work in Baton Rouge and Lafayette Districts. She stated existing problems in Conferences A and B are similar.

Mrs. McGowan reported the Women's Division Annual Meeting she recently attended was a business meeting. The areas of finance, Christian Social Relations, Education and Cultivation were stressed. The Constitution and Bylaws that were available before being received by the Women's Division are due for changes. Through the combination of the two magazines, *World Evangel*, of the former Women's Society of World Service of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and the *Methodist Woman*, of the former Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, the new official publication, *response*, was born. One handbook for the Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild will be available in March. The Assembly will be in Houston, May 7-10, 1970. The importance of a newly organized society sending to the Service Center the name of the church, the town, the president and secretary were stressed. She stated the commissioning service was a wonderful experience.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bandel that the secretary send a telegram of sympathy to Dr. Ben Oliphint at Rose Neath Funeral Home in Shreveport, because of the sudden death of his step-father and a telegram to Mrs. G. E. Laskey, due to her illness. Both were to have been participants on the program of our Annual Meeting. Motion was seconded and carried.

The Committee Recessed at 12:00 noon for lunch at the First United Methodist Church of Pineville, courtesy of the Women's Society.

The Committee reconvened at 1:30 p.m. in the Educational Building.

The Annual Meeting Program was presented and briefly reviewed by Mrs. Bandel, who emphasized the importance of the spirit of worship and the participation of all delegates and visitors. She urged all committee members to express their candid opinion of each part of the program on the evaluation sheet as it is of great value to future program planning. A hostess for each guest was appointed.

## B U S I N E S S

**Spiritual Growth Study-Retreat** — Mrs. Chastain, Chairman, stated plans for the Spiritual Growth Study-Retreat are incomplete. The decision as to the date, purpose of and leaders and materials to be used, the needs for both Conferences A and B should be studied.

Mrs. McGowan appointed Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Alston and Mrs. Dameron on the committee to serve with Mrs. Chastain.

**Leadership Workshop** — Mrs. McGowan read a letter from the Board of Mission concerning plans for Conference Leadership Workshops. A team composed of Division members and staff to conduct the workshop would be available after October 1, 1969. For a conference to participate in such training, an invitation to the Board of Missions with possible dates and place must be issued.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick moved to defer the action of deciding on the possibility of having the workshop. Seconded by Miss Evans, carried.

**The Workshop on Extremism**, May 15-17, 1969, in Norman, Oklahoma may be attended by two delegates. Mrs. Rosett moved that Mrs. McGowan be elected as a delegate. Motion seconded and carried. Mrs. Aycock moved that Mrs. Bandel be the second delegate. Motion seconded and carried. Mrs. Dameron moved that in the event either of the two delegates could not go that Mrs. Rosett be the first alternate. Motion seconded and carried.

**Hub City Workshops on World Understanding** will be March 25-27, 1969. Mrs. Carter, Conference A, is a delegate to attend one in Jackson, Mississippi. Mrs. Gertrude Giron,

Conference B, would attend the one in Fort Worth. District Presidents received invitations to go at their own expense.

The Workshop on Human Rights, March 28-30, 1969, will be in Little Rock, Arkansas. Mrs. Rosett and Mrs. Compton will be the delegates.

Mrs. McGowan reported that Mrs. Rosett had been elected to two Regional Committees: (1) Regional Advisory Committee and will serve as the Chairman; (2) Regional School Nominating Committee. She was appointed on the Committee of Interpretation of the Louisiana Conference Program Council by Dr. Jack Wilkes.

Mrs. McGowan announced that the new insignia of the Women's Society and Guild is the same as that of the church. The traditional Christian symbol of the cross is combined with the flame. The membership pins will be identical for both groups with the guard identifying the organization.

The decision of colors would be made in April or May. Each committee member suggested a color combination to assist the president in the choice she would submit to the Women's Division.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Annual Report

Mrs. Aycock, Chairman, reported the committee recommended: (1) that the First Annual Report be published to cover the first twelve months instead of the six-month's Interim Report the committee previously recommended; (2) the Report would be dedicated to the present and former Conference Guild Secretaries; (3) the new insignia would be used on front of the cover page; (4) every effort be made to have it ready for delivery by School of Christian Mission, July 22-25, 1969; (5) the reports of Division Projects be deleted. The report was accepted.

### Constitution and Bylaws

Mrs. Dameron, Chairman, recommended the approval of the statements, which implement, clarify or interpret the 1968 Edition of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Women's Society of Christian Service, Wesleyan Service Guild, Women's Division, for use by the Local, District, and Conference Societies of the Louisiana Conference as prepared and presented by the committee. Mimeographed copies of same had been made available to all members of the Executive Committee and each local president. The report was accepted.

### District Officer Training

District Officer Training will be held April 23, 1969, at Trinity United Methodist Church, Alexandria, Louisiana. Pre-registration must be sent to Mrs. McGowan by April 11. Registration and coffee will begin at 9:00 a.m. with adjournment at 3:00 p.m. Letters, registration cards and programs for the day's activities were distributed to members of the committee. Mrs. Rosett, Chairman, Mrs. McGowan, Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Wineinger, committee members.

### Church Women United

Mrs. Dameron expressed concern and interest that more organizations be organized in the state. Those responsible for promoting work of this group are local and district officers. Many worthwhile projects and programs are in progress where Church Women United are active.

A motion by Mrs. Fox that the committee recess for dinner at 5:00 p.m. to be served at



Trinity United Methodist Church, Alexandria, courtesy of Trinity Women's Society. Motion seconded by Mrs. Kirkpatrick, carried.

The committee reconvened at 7:30 p.m. in Trinity Fellowship Hall.

#### Committee on Nominations

Mrs. McCammon, Chairman, submitted the following nominations: To serve on the Committee on Nominations for a period of one year — Mrs. W. F. Manning and Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick; to serve for a period of two years — Mrs. Edgar Cayard and Mrs. Jesse Porter; to serve for a period of three years — Mrs. Harvey Henry and Mrs. John Nelson; to serve as Chairman for a term of one year — Mrs. Edgar Cayard. Mrs. McCammon moved the adoption of the report. Motion seconded and carried.

#### Committee on Finance

Mrs. Gardner, Chairman, asked Mrs. Hansard, Secretary, to read the following recommendations. Recommendations\* 1, 2, 3, and 5 were individually adopted upon a motion by Mrs. Gardner. Seconded by Mrs. Young and carried. Recommendation number 4 was not approved by the Executive Committee by the vote of 2 for and 7 against.

\*1. That cultivation be set at 25 cents per member from local societies throughout the Louisiana Conference A starting January, 1970.

\*2. That the Conference Society make a \$100 contribution as help in the Youth Tour directed by Rev. John Johns, pending investigation as approval by the Conference President and Treasurer, as to proper requirements.

\*3. That since the \$10,000 supplementary gift to MacDonell Methodist Center Building Fund, pledged by the Conference Society, has been paid, district treasurers be authorized to request permission from local societies making such remittances, to transfer these funds to the district pledge to Missions.

\*4. That the projected 1970 pledge to Missions and conference budget be approved and recommended to the executive committee of the Louisiana Conference Women's Society of Christian Service.

\*5. That the Conference Society pay the total expense, including mileage, meals, and motel or hotel for executive committee members attending the mid-year and annual meetings.

Mrs. Gardner moved the acceptance of the recommendations as a whole as voted on by the committee.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick moved that authority be granted the Conference Executive Committee to approve, upon recommendation of the Committee on Finance, the necessary expenditure of funds for the operation of the Conference Women's Society during the period from December 31, 1969, until such time as a budget for 1970 may be approved by a meeting of the Conference Society. Seconded by Mrs. Dameron, carried.

Mrs. Gardner read schedule for 1968-1969 treasurers' reports: Local to district, May 1; district to conference, May 15; conference to Women's Division, May 25.

First report period from June 1, 1969, to December 31, 1969: Guild to local, August 20; local to district, August 25; district to conference, September 5; conference to division, September 15.

Second report: Guild to local, December 1; local to district, December 5; district to

conference, December 15; conference to division, December 31.

A motion by Miss Evans that Louisiana Conference have the Leadership Workshop and that it be held in conjunction with the Mid-Year Executive Committee meeting to be held in Bastrop, October 14-16, 1969. Motion seconded by Mrs. Young, carried.

Mrs. McGowan requested that the Administrative Committee be granted the power to set dates and place should these plans not be convenient. Request granted. Secretary was instructed to issue invitation to the Women's Division team for training of Louisiana Conference A Executive Committee.

#### Historian

Mrs. G. W. Dameron

All materials accumulated have been filed and ready for compiling in a permanent record for the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. McGowan appointed a committee to work with Mrs. Dameron, Chairman, Mrs. Bandel, Mrs. Young and Mrs. Manning.

Christian Service Times — Mrs. Gardner, Chairman, read the recommendations as follows:

The Committee to evaluate the CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES met Saturday, January 25, 1969, Trinity United Methodist Church, Alexandria, Louisiana.

The Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the paper, CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES, be continued. And that future evaluations be made at a time to be determined by the Conference Society-Guild and co-editors.

2. That the term of office for the staff of the paper be for two (2) years beginning January 1, 1969, thru December 31, 1970, with the privilege of re-appointment for another two-year term. The staff to include an Editor from the Women's Society of Christian Service, an Editor from the Wesleyan Service Guild and a Business Manager. If possible, the staff would be from the same area. Referring to a recommendation previously made by this Committee, the staff would not hold any other Conference responsibility.

3. That each District have someone responsible for the promotion of the CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES in that District. That the District President and District Chairman of the Wesleyan Service Guild be charged with the responsibility of helping the local Society-Guild to use the CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES effectively.

4. That there be no free copies sent into the local Society-Guild. That there be four (4) copies per subscription year. That the subscription price be \$1.50 per year. And there be subscriptions from at least 10 percent of the membership of each district. Which will be needed to make the paper self-supporting.

Committee: Mary Ellen Gardner  
Marilynn Carter  
Mabel Manning  
Hermine Tate  
Coy Howe

Mrs. Gardner moved the adoption of recommendations. Seconded by Mrs. Fox. By a vote of 1 for and 10 against the motion was not accepted.

**The Jurisdiction Women's Society-Guild Core Group**, Mrs. Howe, Chairman, reported on the work of the pilot group of a local church in Franklin. All age groups are involved in service in the community, church school, publicity of the project and getting at the bottom of the needs and how to meet these needs. The Reverend and Mrs. Robert McCammon at First United Methodist Church are cooperating in this endeavor.

Because of illness Mrs. McGowan asked Mrs. Rosett, vice president, to take the chair.

**Nashville Regional Advisory Committee**, Mrs. Rosett, Chairman, reported she attended the organizational meeting held in Nashville, February 25, 1969. A Chairman and Secretary were elected. The 17-member committee functions as a consultative committee, assisting the Women's Division Staff in understanding the needs and resources of the region, council with staff members and interpret the total program of the Division.

**Conference School of Christian Mission**, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Dean, reported the School dates, July 22-25, 1969, at Centenary College. Study classes and leaders are as follows: (1) **Reconciliation in a Broken World** -- Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr., and The Reverend Roy H. Ryan; (2) **Toward Understanding China and the Chinese People** -- Mrs. Ed M. Cobb; (3) **The Inner Life and the Christian in Today's World** -- Miss Arline Tyler, Dr. Allen Lamar Cooper and Miss Virginia Thomas. Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Leader of Orientation of leaders of small groups. Miss Ida B. Young was named by Mrs. Ethel Alston, President of Conference B Women's Society, to work with the sub-committee of the School of Christian Mission.

#### **Committee on School of Christian Mission**

Mrs. Thomas E. Kirkpatrick, Dean  
Mrs. Garland Dean, Jr., Assistant Dean  
Mrs. R. E. Carter, Registrar  
Mrs. J. F. Rosett, Arrangements  
Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Treasurer  
Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Secretary and Housing  
Mrs. Robert Compton, Literature Room  
Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, Audio-Visuals  
Mrs. C. B. McGowan  
Miss Mildred Evans  
Mrs. C. R. McCammon

#### **Small Group Leaders (Growth & Development II)**

Mrs. Bill Thomasson	Miss Mildred Evans
Mrs. John Adams	Mrs. Maxine F. Watkins
Mrs. George Thomas	Mrs. Jesse Porter

**School Nurse** -- Mrs. W. Spiller Milton

**Hostess Women's Societies:** First Church, Bossier City  
St. Stephen's  
Love Chapel

**Dr. Luman Douglas**, Director of Louisiana Conference Program Council, brought to the attention of the committee by telephone that Bishop Aubrey G. Walton would be guest speaker of the C. I. Jones Lectures at Rayne Memorial in New Orleans, March 15, 16, 17, 1970. The dates for the 1970 Annual Meeting for the Guild, March 14-15, and the Annual Meeting for the Women's Society, March 17-19 at the First United Methodist Church in New Orleans. This matter would be referred to the Committee on Annual Meeting Program for consideration.

**Mid-Year and Annual Meeting Place** -- Mrs. Don Wineinger reported the Women's

Society of First United Methodist Church at Bastrop extended an invitation for our Mid-Year Meeting, October 14-16, 1969. The Spring Annual Meeting would be held at First United Methodist Church, New Orleans, March 17-19, 1970. The report was accepted.

**Regional School of Christian Missions** -- will be June 16-20, 1969, at Mt. Sequoyah in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

**Comment Series** -- Mrs. Aycock stated the second schedule had been mailed to the Conference Elected Leadership indicating the date their article would be sent to Louisiana Methodist for publication. All officers were commended for their cooperation for using this means of communication with the local women.

**District Presidents and Treasurers Meeting** -- Mrs. Gardner reported on the meeting held in Alexandria, January 25, 1969:

The district presidents and district treasurers in a meeting with the Conference president and Conference treasurer working on guide lines for district cultivation fund administration by the Conference Committee on Finance.

The following points were agreed on:

1. All cultivation money from local Women's Society and Guild units will go direct to the Conference Treasurer.
2. After expenses of meetings are paid, remaining offering may be kept in the district fund, i.e., annual district meeting.

The following categories were suggested for budget set-up:

1. Office Expense
  - a. Mileage @ 7¢ per mile (car pools)
  - b. Mailing Costs
  - c. Telephone
  - d. Materials and Supplies
2. Delegates
  - a. Jurisdictional Missionary Conference  
Adult, Youth
  - b. Assembly Account
  - c. Christian Social Relations Conference  
(Jurisdictional)
  - d. Co-operative meetings (workshops)
3. Audit -- Treasurer's books
4. Promotion
  - a. Program Material
  - b. Others (self-study, Conference Annual Meeting)  
School of Christian Mission Subsidy
5. Miscellaneous

There will be two pledge services in 1969 -- one in May for the 7-months period ending December 31, 1969, and one in November for 1970.

The motion was made that 25¢ per member be set for cultivation fund.



The budget from each district will cover the year 1970 and should be sent to the Conference Treasurer by October 1, 1969.

The 4th and final report date for the 1968-69 pledge year be as follows: Local to District, May 1, 1969; District to Conference, May 15, 1969; Conference to Women's Division, May 25, 1969.

District Presidents' report on the evaluation Reports received from the local societies May, 1969.

The Audit Committee reported the minutes had been examined and were found in order.

The Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison. The meeting was adjourned.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary

Mrs. C. B. McGowan, President

Audited by: Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick  
Mrs. Robert Compton

## POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee was served buffet luncheon at 12:30 p.m. in the Senior High Department, while a post executive committee meeting was in session.

Mrs. Rosett distributed registration cards for the Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission and requested they be filled out and returned to her with a \$5.00 registration fee before leaving the meeting.

District presidents were requested to get the packets of materials and copies of the Constitution and Bylaws for societies not represented at the meeting and registration cards of delegates attending the meeting from each district.

Mrs. Bandel announced Mrs. George M. Chastain, Jr., would serve as chairman of the Committee for the Annual Meeting program for 1970.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick stated that since the Conference Society had approved the recommendation to pay mileage, meals and motel (hotel) expenses for members of the Executive Committee attending the Mid-Year and Annual Meeting sessions of the Committee, she moved:

(a) that a committee be named to make a study and prepare a statement of guidelines which will preserve the intent of the above recommendation at a minimum cost to the Conference Society;

(b) that this statement be brought for action to a meeting of the Executive Committee to be held during the 1969 School of Christian Mission. Mrs. Bandel seconded motion. Carried.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick announced that Miss Arline Tyler would be the Dean for the 1970 School of Christian Mission.

The group formed a friendship circle and was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. George M. Chastain, Jr.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary

Mrs. J. F. Rosett, Vice President

Audited by: Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick  
Mrs. Robert Compton

# P R O G R A M

## WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

*"What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?"* Micah 6:8

### Wednesday, March 12, 1969

#### Afternoon session

*"Come, let us go to the house of the Lord . . . that He may teach us His ways . . . that we may walk in His paths."* from Micah 4:2

2:00—Organ Prelude

Worship Through Symbolism

The Celebration of Holy Communion ..... Dr. Ben Oliphint, officiating

Fellowship in the Garden-Patio

3:10—Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" ..... No. 256

Convening of the First Annual Meeting ..... Mrs. C. B. McGowan

Welcome and Introductions ..... Mrs. C. E. Ewing, Jr.

Presentation of the Program ..... Mrs. Gilbert Bandel  
Business

Hymn "Dear Master, In Whose Life I See" ..... No. 254

Answering the Requirement by Doing, Loving, Walking in Service .....

Misses Cheryl Humphreys, Judith Jensen, Elizabeth Phelps

Koinonia

6:30—Dinner, First United Methodist Church

Presiding ..... Mrs. J. F. Rosett

#### Evening Service

7:45—Organ Prelude

Hymn "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" ..... No. 1

Scripture and Prayer ..... Rev. Gilbert H. Wade, Jr.

Special Music ..... Choir, First United Methodist Church

"With a Voice of Singing" ..... Shaw

"Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring" ..... J. S. Bach

"He Comes to Us" ..... Marshall

"I See His Blood Upon the Rose" ..... Robertson

"Hallelujah" (from The Mount of Olives) ..... Beethoven

Address ..... Miss Dorothy McConnell

Evening Prayers ..... Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr.

### Thursday, March 13, 1969

*"For I desire steadfast love, not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than offerings."* Hosea 6:6

#### Morning Session

8:45—Organ Prelude

"Come Into His Presence With Singing"

Morning Prayers ..... Rev. Warren Blakeman, Jr.

Business

Address ..... Miss Dorothy McConnell

Intermission

Hymn "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" ..... No. 479

President's Message ..... Mrs. Charles B. McGowan

Pledge Service ..... Mrs. W. B. Gardner

Meditation ..... Rev. G. W. Dameron

12:30—Luncheon ..... Mrs. R. E. Carter, presiding

## Afternoon Session

*"So shall we know the power of Him who came mankind to save"*

2:00—Organ Prelude

Hymn "God of Love and God of Power" ..... No. 153  
 "What Does the Lord Require?" ..... The Districts Respond  
 "Make Me Know . . . Lead Me . . . Teach Me" ..... Mrs. Harold R. Hine  
 "When Love Speaks Loud and Clear" ..... Mrs. George Chastain  
 Human Needs and Social Justice ..... Panel Discussion  
 Dr. Sarah Frances Anders, Moderator

6:30—Dinner Honoring Lay Leaders ..... Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, presiding  
 Theme: Laos — the People of God ..... Mr. Tom Matheny, speaker

## Evening Session

7:45—Organ Prelude

Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" ..... No. 470  
 Scripture and Prayer ..... Rev. John F. Kilpatrick  
 Offering  
 Special Music ..... Mr. Max Pugh, Organist  
 "Prelude and Fugue in D Major" ..... George Frederic Handel  
 "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" ..... Philip Telemen  
 "All Praise to Thee, Eternal God" ..... J. S. Bach  
 "Chorale Preludes on Three Hymn Tunes"  
     "Holy, Holy, Holy" ..... Healey Willan  
     "Come Thou Fount" ..... Helen Jane Marshall  
     "A Mighty Fortress" ..... Max Reger  
 "Behold, I Make All Things New" ..... Dialogue from Uppsala  
     Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey and Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn  
 Evening Prayers ..... Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr.

**Friday, March 14, 1969**

*"Draw near to me. Hear this: from the beginning I have not spoken in secret."*

Isaiah 48:16

## Morning Session

8:45—Organ Prelude

"I Will Sing Praise to Thy Name, O Most High"

Morning Prayers ..... Rev. Warren Blakeman, Jr.  
 Business

Place of annual meeting, 1970

Report of the Audit Committee

Report of Registration Committee

Wesleyan Service Guild ..... Miss Mildred Evans

Panel of Women from St. Gabriel ..... Elayn Hunt, Attorney, Moderator

Closing Service

Adjournment

Diakonia

# JOURNAL OF THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING of the WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Louisiana Conference A  
Alexandria, Louisiana  
March 12-14, 1969

The first Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference A Women's Society of Christian Service of The United Methodist Church was convened at 2:00 p.m., March 12, 1969, in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church, Alexandria, Louisiana, with the president, Mrs. C. B. McGowan, presiding.

**Opening Worship Through Symbolism** was conducted by The Reverend Gilbert H. Wade, Jr., Associate Minister of the host church.

**Communion Service** — Officiating in the service were Reverend Wade and Reverend Byrl Moreland, Jr., of Jena.

A warm welcome was extended to the delegates and visitors by Mrs. C. E. Ewing, Jr., president of the Women's Society. She introduced Mrs. P. M. Davis, Jr., General Chairman, who added her greetings.

**1969 Program Chairman**, Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, challenged all who were in attendance with the theme, "What Does the Lord Require of You"? She urged participation in every phase of the program, to seek and know at least six new acquaintances during the meeting. It was the hope of the committee that there would be a Koinonia experience, a fellowship generated by the common bonds of Christian love and Christian experience.

Mrs. McGowan introduced Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman of the Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. Ethel Alston, President of Conference B Women's Society, and two former presidents, Mrs. C. N. Cadwallader and Mrs. G. W. Dameron. Others also recognized were Mr. James Hebert, Director, Dulac Community Center; Mrs. Maxine Watkins, Director, Business Girls' Inn; Mr. John L. Howe, Jr., Director, MacDonell Methodist Center; Mrs. Pearl Turnbull, Peoples' Methodist Community Center; and Miss Rosie Ann Cobb, Superintendent, Sager-Brown School.

**Communication** was read from Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, a former president, of Shreveport.

**Recommendations from the Executive Committee** — Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Conference Treasurer, read the following recommendations:

1. That the June 1, 1969 to Dec. 31, 1969,	
Pledge to Missions Be .....	\$ 95,254.00
That the June 1, 1969 to Dec. 31, 1969,	
Conference Budget Be .....	10,600.00
	<u>\$105,854.00</u>

That the District Proposed Pledges to Conference be as follows:

Alexandria .....	\$ 9,112.00
Baton Rouge .....	15,396.00
Lafayette .....	8,831.00
Lake Charles .....	12,648.00
Monroe .....	12,316.00
New Orleans .....	15,458.00
Ruston .....	10,914.00
Shreveport .....	21,179.00
	<u>\$105,854.00</u>



2. That the Conference BUDGET FOR 1969 be as follows:

Office Expense .....	\$ 800.00
Interim Report .....	600.00
Report Meeting .....	275.00
Conference School of Christian Mission .....	1,400.00
Regional School of Christian Mission .....	900.00
Annual Meeting .....	1,000.00
Jurisdiction Annual Meeting .....	750.00
Jurisdiction Cultivation .....	600.00
Christian Service Times .....	500.00
Christian Social Relations .....	175.00
Conference Program Council (for Youth Work) .....	350.00
Cooperative Meetings .....	500.00
Miscellaneous .....	900.00
Wesleyan Service Guild .....	1,850.00
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	\$ 10,600.00

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary, read the remaining recommendations:

3. That a subsidy of \$9.00, the same as to district officers, be given to all sub-district chairmen who attend and participate in the Conference School of Christian Mission.
4. That we recommend to each district society that they allow expenses for the district Chairman of Missionary Education or a representative to attend the 1969 Jurisdictional Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah, and that, if needed, each district expense will be supplemented by the Conference Society in the amount of \$15.00.
5. That \$25.00 each be allowed for up to four (4) student delegates who attend the 1969 Jurisdictional Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah.
6. That up to \$600.00 be allowed for District Officer Training for 1969 to include all district and Conference elected leadership.
7. That up to \$300.00 be allowed for a study-retreat to include members of the Louisiana Conference Women's Society Executive Committee and the 8 District Chairmen of Spiritual Growth.
8. That an amount up to 15% of the total pledge to Missions be placed in cultivation for the Conference Society.
9. That the Conference Newspaper, **The Christian Service Times**, be discontinued.
10. That authority be granted the Conference Executive Committee to approve, upon recommendation of the Committee on Finance, the necessary expenditure of funds for the operation of the Conference Women's Society during the period from December 31, 1969, until such time as a budget for 1970 may be approved by a meeting of the Conference Society.

Mrs. Aycock moved the adoption of these recommendations. Seconded by Mrs. Gardner. Motion carried.

**Committee Appointments** were read by the Secretary as follows: Audit of Minutes, Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Robert Compton. Parliamentarian, Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick. Tellers, Mrs. George Thomas, Chairman of Elections. Alexandria: Distributing, Mrs. J. F. Cox; Counting, Mrs. W. M. Coffey. Baton Rouge: Distributing, Mrs. Robert Brupbacher;

Counting, Mrs. Murphy Roberts. Lafayette: Distributing, Mrs. Mary Whitemire; Counting, Mrs. P. L. Foreman. Lake Charles: Distributing, Mrs. Estelle Stewart; Counting, Mrs. Ed Hodges. Monroe: Distributing, Mrs. J. M. Yerger; Counting, Mrs. Joe Roundtree. New Orleans: Distributing, Mrs. T. L. Ward; Counting, Mrs. W. J. Lannes. Ruston: Distributing, Mrs. Thomas Guthrie; Counting, Mrs. Don Moore. Shreveport: Distributing, Mrs. John S. Adams; Counting, Mrs. L. G. Thomas.

**Constitution and Bylaws** Chairman, Mrs. Dameron, announced that the Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules would be presented Thursday and asked that the proposed Constitution and Bylaws that were distributed be studied before the presentation.

A panel consisting of three young workers from the projects in our Conference gave their interpretation of "Answering the Requirement by Doing, Loving and Walking in Service." They were Miss Cheryl Humphreys, Contract Worker, Dulac Community Center; Miss Judith Jensen, US-2, MacDonell Methodist Center and Miss Elizabeth Phelps, US-2, Sager-Brown School.

**Dinner** was served in the Fellowship Hall with Mrs. J. F. Rosett presiding. Surely spring was in evidence with the table decorations of colorful flowers, miniature bird houses and birds. Dinner music was furnished by Miss Janet Hardy, pianist.

**The Evening Service** was opened with the hymn, "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing", followed by the scripture reading from the twelfth chapter of Romans and prayer by Reverend Wade. Five numbers were rendered by the adult choir of First United Methodist Church under the direction of Mr. H. Dorman Clayton, and Mr. Max W. Pugh, organist.

**Miss Dorothy McConnell**, former Associate General Secretary, Woman's Division, Board of Missions, and editor of the **World Outlook** was introduced by Mrs. McGowan. Miss McConnell spoke from a background of rich experience in national and international church leadership with emphasis of her knowledge obtained from the Vatican Councils she attended the last six years.

The service was closed with directed silent prayers led by Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr.

## Thursday

Following the organ prelude, congregational singing was led by Mr. Paul White. Mrs. J. F. Rosett, vice president, presided in the absence of Mrs. McGowan, because of illness. Mrs. Rosett introduced The Reverend Warren Blakeman, Jr., Minister, Horseshoe Drive United Methodist Church, who read the scripture from the fourth chapter of II Corinthians and concluded the worship with prayer.

**Constitution and Bylaws** Chairman, Mrs. Dameron, presented the Constitution and Bylaws and Standing Rules and the following recommendations: (changes are underlined)

## Local Society

Page 11 — Constitution and Bylaws of the Women's Division — Amend Article III, Section 1, by adding, a pastor may be a member.

Page 1 of Report of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws — Amend Article V, Second 4, to read, Elections shall be held annually in May or June. Those elected shall assume their duties September 1. No officer shall hold the same office for more than four consecutive years.

Standing Rule Number 7 — Editorial change to read: All appeals for funds outside the institutions and agencies of the Board of Missions shall be referred to the Committee on Finance before being presented to the Society.

Standing Rule Number 10 — Change to read: Officers shall be elected in May or June. Those elected shall assume their duties September 1.

### Conference Society

Amend Article V, Section 4, to read — An amount up to fifteen percent (15%) based on Pledge to Missions may be set aside each year as the Conference Cultivation fund. The exact percent shall be determined by the Executive Committee on recommendation by the Committee on Finance.

Standing Rule Number 3 — Change to read: The voting membership at an Annual Meeting shall be composed of the following persons: the members of the Conference Executive Committee; the delegates from local societies; the district officers; the sub-district chairmen; the wife of the resident bishop; all former conference presidents of the Women's Society and its predecessor organizations.

Standing Rule 19 — Mrs. J. W. Richard moved that Rule 19 be referred to the Committee on Finance for the possibility of increasing the present subsidy of \$9.00 per person paid all elected leadership of the district and sub-district chairmen who attend and fully participate in the School of Christian Mission. Motion seconded by Mrs. Don Elliott. Motion carried.

Each recommendation was voted on individually. Mrs. Dameron moved the adoption of the entire report, except for Rule 19, which was referred to the Committee on Finance. Motion seconded by Mrs. Gardner. Motion carried.

Mrs. Dameron moved the adoption of Standing Rule Number 29 as it appears in the Twenty-Seventh Annual Report. Motion seconded and carried.

Mrs. Dameron moved the adoption of the Constitution as edited in the 1968 Edition from the Women's Division. Motion seconded and carried.

The Secretary was asked to read the Standing Rule with regard to eligible voters in the Annual Meeting. The voting strength was established by count as 162. The names of the Tellers, both Distributing and Counting were read again.

**Committee on Nominations** — Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr., substituting for the chairman, Mrs. C. R. McCammon, gave the following report: Members of the Committee on Nominations — Chairman to serve one year, Mrs. Edgar E. Cayard. To serve one year; Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr., and Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick. To serve two years, Mrs. Edgar E. Cayard and Mrs. Jesse Porter. To serve three years, Mrs. Harvey Henry and Mrs. John Nelson. Nominations were asked from the floor and there were none. The nominees were introduced. Mrs. Gardner moved that report of the committee be accepted. Motion carried.

**School of Christian Mission** Dean, Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick, reported the school will be held July 22-25, 1969, at Centenary College with three courses being offered and listed the teachers. (1) "Reconciliation in a Broken World", Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr. and Reverend Roy H. Ryan. (2) "Towards Understanding China and the Chinese People", Mrs. Ed M. Cobb. (3) "The Inner Life and the Christian in Today's World", Miss Arline Tyler, Dr. Allen Lamar Cooper and Miss Virginia Thomas. Mrs. G. W. Dameron will be the leader of orientation of leaders of small groups.

Miss Dorothy McConnell was presented by Mrs. Rosett. Miss McConnell related the many changes and new experiences her church in New York City had witnessed in recent months and the role it has in trying to interest the youth of that area to become active in the church program. The majority of the participants were under thirty-five years of age. Many serve on boards and committees and assist in the planning of music and worship services. If the Christian church is to be the salvation it must listen to youth and be sensitive to their needs. Women today have wonderful opportunities to talk and move with the new look and getting used to the new forces.

Following the Coffee Hour Mrs. Rosett introduced Dr. Ben Oliphint, the host pastor. Dr. Oliphint was very gracious in his welcome to the First United Methodist Church and expressed appreciation for the telegram of sympathy from the Conference Society.

It was announced that the President's Message would not be presented, but would appear in an early issue of the **Louisiana Methodist**.

The Pledge Service was conducted by Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Conference Treasurer, assisted by the district treasurers. Mrs. Gardner expressed appreciation to Mrs. Carl Gallaher, former Conference treasurer, for preparing the pledge service. Each district treasurer indicated the amount of her district's pledge on a poster. Mrs. Gardner presented the total pledge in the amount of \$105,854.00 to Mrs. Rosett. The pledge was accepted. Mrs. Joanie McClesky sang, "Others", accompanied by Miss Iris Irving. Mrs. Rosett concluded the service with a prayer of dedication of the gifts.

Reverend G. W. Dameron of Pineville, who gave the noon meditation, was introduced by Mrs. Rosett. Scriptures were read from Micah 6, Deuteronomy 6 and Leviticus 19. Many are seeking the answer to the question, "What Does the Lord Require of Me"? Only when we have lived and loved, only when we live faith it becomes real faith, only when the Church accepts God as the righteous God will we find justice, kindness and humbleness. Only when we stop to speak to God and listen to the call of Jesus will we find courage, faith and the love to live up to these requirements.

The luncheon, with Mrs. R. E. Carter presiding was served in the Fellowship Hall.

Following the organ prelude and singing of the hymn, "God of Love and God of Power", the response of the districts was given in a skit. Mrs. B. E. Fox, Sr., Mrs. Henry Bernard, Mrs. W. F. Atkinson and Mr. Don White represented the Interpretive Voice, the Positive Member, the Negative Member and the Prophetic Voice. Accomplishments and projected plans of programs, activities, membership, our image and the fulfillment of the purpose of the Women's Society were discussed in the light of "What Does the Lord Require"? The district presidents were introduced.

Mrs. Harold Hine, Director of Elementary Education of Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation Incorporated, was introduced by Mrs. Rosett. Mrs. Hine appealed for help to itinerate the state through invitations from schools, Parent-Teacher groups and other organizations to reach children of all ages. She emphasized the concern of use of narcotics and other drugs among the very young school age. The goal is to teach significant facts of the danger of drugs and alcohol to children and youth. Films on alcoholism are available through the Foundation.

Mrs. George Chastain interpreted the hymn, "When Love Speaks Loud and Clear." The congregation participated by echoing every other line.

Dr. Sarah Frances Anders of the Department of Sociology, Louisiana College, was moderator of a panel which consisted of Mrs. Harvey Henry, Alexandria District Chairman, Christian Social Relations; Mrs. Mary Montgomery, Director of Cenla Community Action



program and Mrs. Harold J. Derr, Alexandria Town Talk Religious Editor, discussed "Human Needs and Social Justice."

Mrs. J. J. McKeithen, former Conference Vice President and Mrs. M. L. DeFreese, West Monroe, president of the Church Women United, were recognized.

**The Dinner**, with Mrs. Dameron presiding in the absence of Mrs. McGowan, honored the District Lay Leaders and their wives. Mr. Tom Matheny, Conference Lay Leader, was the speaker and used the theme, "Laos — the People of God."

**The Evening Session** opened with the singing of the hymn, "God of Grace and God of Glory." The Reverend John F. Kilpatrick, Alexandria District Superintendent, read the scripture from Psalms 24 followed by prayer. We were privileged to hear Mr. Max Pugh, organist, render several selections of special music.

Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn, Executive Director, Fort Worth Area, Council of Churches, brought news from the meeting of the World Council of Churches he recently attended in Uppsala, Sweden. His subject was "Behold, I Make All Things New." Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, immediate past president of the Women's Division of the Board of Missions, was to have shared her experience in attending this same meeting along with Dr. Hearn, but due to illness she was unable to be present.

Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr., concluded the session with prayer.

### F r i d a y

Congregational singing was led by Mr. Paul White. The Reverend Warren Blakeman, Jr., used a portion from the seventh chapter of Romans for his scripture and gave the morning prayer.

Mrs. Rosett called the meeting to order and asked the secretary to read a telegram from The Methodist Mens' Fellowship at Angola, Louisiana.

Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick, chairman of Audit Committee for the minutes and Mrs. Robert Compton, reported that the minutes, in part, had been examined and found in order. Request for privilege of examination after adjournment of the session was made.

Mrs. P. M. Davis, General Chairman for the Annual Meeting, gave the following registration of the meeting: 143 delegates, 150 visitors, 6 Conference workers, 28 guests, 11 Conference officers, 8 district presidents, and 15 miscellaneous registrants — total of 361.

**Invitation for 1970 Annual Meeting** was extended by Mrs. Hal Sawyer, president of the First United Methodist Church, New Orleans.

Mrs. Rosett introduced Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman of the Wesleyan Service Guild, who reported on the work of the Guild units. Her report will appear with other Conference officers' reports.

**Intermission** was a time for having coffee with a new friend and filling in Evaluation Sheets.

Mrs. Rosett asked the secretary to read a report from the Committee on Nominations that had been accepted by the Executive Committee at the Mid-Year meeting. It was: Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Chairman of Committee on Nominations, reported her committee received Mrs. Howe's resignation with regret. The name of Mrs. George M. Chastain, Jr.,

Lake Charles, to serve Mrs. Howe's unexpired term was submitted. Mrs. Aycock moved the acceptance of the action taken by the Executive Committee. Motion seconded by Mrs. Gardner. Carried.

Love offering for Wednesday and Thursday nights was given in the amount of \$351.00.

Miss Elayne Hunt, attorney from Baton Rouge, sponsor of a panel of four women from St. Gabriel prison, served as moderator. Miss Hunt related some of her experiences during the years working with groups and the conditions and circumstances of violators. Panel members told of their past, present and future. Many personal questions were asked and sincere answers given. The greatest problem after being released is being rehabilitated, finding a job and being accepted by family and society.

Mrs. Rosett declared the adjournment of the First Annual Meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service preceding the closing service of dedication in order that the program would not be interrupted.

**Closing Service** under the direction of Mrs. Bandel expressed her gratitude to all who had any part on the Annual Meeting program and all who helped to make this a real experience of Koinonia. Voicing the expression of love and appreciation of the delegates and visitors were Mrs. John Nelson, Mrs. Don Moore and Mrs. George Thomas. Mrs. Nelson told how the beauty of the sanctuary and flowers had added to the worshipfulness and the deep meaning of the Celebration of Holy Communion. Mrs. Moore said she never knew of such love before belonging to the Women's Society of Christian Service. An awareness of the oneness, the alertness to the needs in the many areas and a desire to share with others were the areas that impressed her most. Mrs. Thomas said her appreciation for the Women's Society had grown through the years. She had been stirred along different lines, Miss McConnell's personal observation in her church, the work of the girls in the US-2 projects and the program in general.

Mrs. Bandel asked, "Are you ready for Diakonia"? A word which implies dedication to improving relationships, dedication to a lifetime of ministry in the name and in the purpose of Jesus Christ. After the congregation participated in the liturgy, everyone filed out in silence, holding the hand of someone from the opposite side of the sanctuary.

## CLOSING LITURGY

THE OFFICE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE ANNUAL MEETING

THE PRELUDE TO THE OFFICE

ASCRPTION

**The Liturgist:** Let us acknowledge God, and give Him glory that His magnificent promise is fulfilled — the Promise that He is always in our midst to turn the old order upside down and to make all things new.

**The Community:** Praise be to God, our Father, Amen and Amen.

THE OFFICE OF THE PREPARATION

**The Liturgist:** Let us acknowledge the condition of our lives before Him who is the Lord of the past, the present, and the future — from Whom no secrets are hid, for He looks upon our hearts and not upon our outward appearances.

## CONFESSION

**The Community:** O Thou-Who-has-ever-been, who knows our inmost thoughts, we acknowledge that we have often lived by false pretenses — pretending that "justice", "mercy" and "humility before Thee" were only words to talk about and not to act upon, pretending that we can place a limit on love. O God, have mercy upon us. Help us to live and to love in the Spirit of Christ.

(A moment of silent prayer)

**The Liturgist:** Amen.

**The Liturgist:** I call upon us to remember the forgiving Word of Him who sent the Holy Encourager, that we might not be overcome by timidity or by worldly acclaim.

## ABSOLUTION

**The Community:** Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**The Liturgist:** Amen.

## THE OFFICE OF THE WORD

**The Liturgist:** Let us accept the possibilities of our lives before the Eternal Lord of the Now, who created all that is and saw that it was good, who requires that we bear one another's burdens and be the help of the helpless.

## PRAISE

**The Community:** O Thou-Who-art-ever-the-same, we give praise for life that is now and eternal; we give praise for sight and sound, for movement and change; we praise Thee for accepting us and using us even when we do not live up to our possibilities. We lift up our hearts. Amen.

**The Liturgist:** Amen.

## SCRIPTURE

**The Liturgist:** I call upon us to hear the appointed Word of the Lord: "When anyone is united in Christ, there is a new world; the old order has gone; a new order has begun. From first to last this has been the work of God. He has reconciled us to himself through Christ; he has enlisted us in the service of reconciliation. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, no longer holding men's misdeeds against them, and he has entrusted us with the message of reconciliation. We come therefore, as Christ's ambassadors."

**The Community:** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

**The Liturgist:** Amen.

## THE OFFICE OF THE OFFERING

**The Liturgist:** Let us execute the responsibility of our lives before the sovereign Lord of every future, who demands that we bear the burden of the whole world, and before whom all things are possible.

## INTERCESSION

**The Community:** O Thou-Who-Shall-ever-be, we hold up the givenness of civilization and we remember especially the sick; those suffering from mental disturbance; those blinded by the parochial; those bodily diseased; and all those here and everywhere who are refusing to live their lives; for thy steadfast love endures forever and ever. Amen.

**The Liturgist:** Amen.

## DEDICATION

**The Liturgist:** I call upon us to embrace the demanding word of our vocation: we are impelled to involve ourselves in the social process to the end that the love that is justice may operate unceasingly.

**The Community:** We present and offer ourselves unto Thee, O Lord, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice. Amen.

## THE POSTLUDE TO THE OFFICE

## BENEDICTION

**The Liturgist:** Let us now go forth to labor freely, gratefully and sacrificially; God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep us all. Amen.

**The Community:** Amen.

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An informal buffet luncheon was served by the Women's Societies in Alexandria District.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary

Mrs. J. F. Rosett, Vice President

Edited by: Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick  
Mrs. Robert Compton

## CONFERENCE OFFICER REPORTS

### VICE PRESIDENT — Mrs. Rosett

The United General Conference moved the United Methodist Church forward in many ways, making the role of Christian women very significant since 50 percent of the church members are women.

The Vice-President has spent many hours in reading, study, and writing trying to understand and interpret to others the many changes in the church and the organized women's work in the new church, and determine what responsibilities we can best assume in the total program of mission.

Attendance at the Regional School of Christian Mission, Conference School of Christian Mission, Board of Mission and Women's Division meetings, Nashville Regional Advisory Committee meeting, and the World Federation of Methodist Women's Workshop on Human Rights afforded opportunities for Christian fellowship, study, training and inspiration.



Information and program materials collected throughout the year have been channeled to the District Vice-Presidents, and the response from these officers has been heart-warming. They have done a magnificent job in assisting local Vice-Presidents.

The Vice-President has written several articles, programs for Easter and Christmas, and has participated in programs and installation services throughout the conference whenever possible.

Happiness comes to those who serve in HIS name, and this Vice-President is grateful for the opportunity of service with the Christian women of Louisiana Conference Women's Society of Christian Service.

#### **SECRETARY — Mrs. L. C. Aycock**

This First Annual Report contains the first records of our newly organized Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of The United Methodist Church. It has been a tremendous experience to record, in permanent form, the minutes, reports, program and other valuable information of the total program and accomplishments of dedicated women across the conference. The minutes of the Administrative Committee and the Executive Committee have been properly recorded and mailed to members of the Committee. Notices of changes and additions of officers have been circulated.

#### **TREASURER — Mrs. Gardner**

I have completed this, my first year, as Conference Treasurer and have filed my year's report. It is with a feeling of gratefulness to you, the Women's Society/Guild for the privilege of serving with such wonderful, dedicated women that I write these few words. You can see when you study the year's reports where our strength and weaknesses are. We did not quite meet our "PLEDGE TO MISSION" and I am sorry about this; because this says some project, work or person did not receive the necessary money to carry on a needed program. You will see that we gave a nice sum on SUPPLEMENTARY GIFTS and this enabled some designated project, work or person to carry their witness to someone or some place.

As we enter into this seven-months time and are working toward the Calendar Year being the Fiscal Year, let us not slack in this our contribution to the great mission carried on jointly by the Boards of Mission and the Women's Division.

Keep the importance and the need in mind as you pledge in November or December, 1969, for the calendar year of 1970. Try to increase your pledge so that we can help to increase the work, the mission of the Church, the spreading of the GOOD NEWS.

And in the time ahead let us not forget that the mission field here at home is ripe unto harvest. So let us not only pledge our Money, but our Time and Service.

Report of Conference Treasurer follows:

# REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER

Mrs. Wiley D. Gardner

June 1, 1968 -- June 1, 1969

Districts	1968-69	Pd. on 68-69	Call to Prayer		Supplemen-	L.M.
	Pledge	Pledge	WCS	WSG	tary	C.F.
			WCS	WSG		
Alexandria	16,081.00	11,317.68	2,273.30	414.34	103.88	90.80
Baton Rouge	25,354.00	20,958.66	2,244.13	1,337.04	588.51	278.23
Lafayette	14,240.00	11,933.75	2,309.33	611.56	96.43	124.80
Lake Charles	21,371.00	17,136.92	3,487.45	792.66	285.95	298.20
Monroe	21,613.00	17,088.88	3,785.21	892.91	212.81	136.80
New Orleans	24,767.00	22,181.55	3,335.22	795.06	137.00	320.55
Ruston	18,189.00	14,577.44	2,868.94	920.10	162.89	110.90
Shreveport	35,211.00	30,455.39	3,513.13	1,252.79	160.28	401.40
Pledge & Memberships .....	\$156,971.64		Total Paid to Women's Division			
			Pledge & Memberships .....			
Call to Prayer .....		8,764.21	Total Pledge 1968-69 .....			
Supplementary .....		1,086.43	Total sent to W.D. ....			
Transient Fund — 11.42						
MacDonell Methodist Center..		1,861.10				
Building Fund						
		<u>\$168,683.38</u>				

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Year Report

June 1, 1968 — June 1, 1969

### RECEIPTS

8 — Districts Reports & Memberships .....	\$183,062.72
COLLECTIONS — WCS	509.03
L.M.C.F. ....	72.55
Returned to Cultivation .....	456.83
Christian Social Relations .....	121.18
Annual Reports sold .....	55.95
Tote Bags .....	10.40
Guides .....	31.55
Refunds .....	215.80
Miscellaneous .....	21.95
Dividends .....	180.00
Guild: .....	1,286.13
Registration .....	820.50
Collections .....	363.38
Gift to Mission .....	102.25
Christian Service Times .....	1,164.58
TOTAL .....	\$186,731.84
Bal. on Hand 6/1/69 .....	8,608.43
TOTAL to be accounted for .....	\$195,340.27
DISBURSEMENTS .....	\$183,045.77
Bal. on Hand 6/1/69 .....	\$ 12,294.50
Balance in Bank 6/1/69 .....	\$ 12,294.50

# DISBURSEMENTS

Sent to Women's Division .....	\$168,683.38
Schools of Christian Mission .....	1,723.62
Guild Week-end .....	224.77
Missionary Conference .....	100.26
Youth Tour .....	700.00
Jurisdiction Society/Guild .....	729.80
L.M.C.F. ....	1,761.68
Conference Program Council .....	600.00
(for Youth Work)	
Jurisdictional Deaconess Meeting .....	43.50
Cooperative Meetings .....	97.27
Committee Meetings — WSCS .....	245.69
Committee Meetings — WSG .....	10.15
Executive Committee Meetings — WSCS .....	260.87
Executive Committee Meetings — WSG .....	380.22
Connectional Meetings .....	460.80
Charter Meeting .....	65.86
Constitution & ByLaws .....	45.00
Transient Funds .....	101.67
Christian Service Times .....	821.92
Guides F/ Sub-district Chrmn. ....	22.97
Annual Reports .....	1,301.52
Conference Officers Exp. — WSCS .....	708.33
Conference Officers Exp. — WSG .....	43.47
Insurance .....	155.10
1969 Conference School of C.M. ....	15.69
1969 Regional School of C.M. — WSG .....	128.00
1969 Regional School of C.M. — WSCS .....	320.00
Annual Meeting — WSCS .....	1,462.04
Annual Meeting — WSG .....	1,051.77
Auditing Conf. Treas. Books .....	125.00
District Officers Training .....	355.42
Christian Social Relations .....	300.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$183,045.77</b>

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE TREASURER

Mrs. Wiley B. Gardner  
Louisiana Conference A

### Fourth Quarter Report

Jan. 1, 1969 — May 25, 1969

#### RECEIPT:

4th Quarter Reports .....	\$65,618.28
Memberships .....	8,837.65
Interest .....	108.00
Christian Service Times .....	664.58
La. Moral & Civic Foundation ..	52.55
Christian Social Relations .....	121.18

#### COLLECTION:

Annual Meeting WSCS .....	352.00
Transient Fund .....	17.75

#### GUILD:

Annual Meeting .....	
Registration .....	820.50

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

Women's Division .....	\$74,548.60
L.M.C.F. ....	641.51
Christian Service Times .....	341.58
Conference Program Council .....	
(Youth Work) .....	300.00
1969 Conf. School of .....	
Christian Mission .....	15.69
1969 Regional School of .....	
Christian Mission .....	320.00
WSG .....	128.00
Connectional Meetings .....	441.30
Annual Meeting.....	1,462.04

Collection .....	231.38		
Gift to Mission .....	102.25	Conference Officers Expense ....	198.23
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$76,926.12</b>	Auditing Conf. Treas. Books .....	125.00
Bal. on Hand 1/1/69 .....	15,482.80	District Officers Training .....	355.42
<b>TOTAL TO BE ACCT. ....</b>	<b>\$92,408.92</b>	Committees Meeting .....	173.88
Disbursements .....	\$80,114.42	<b>GUILD:</b>	
Bal. on Hand .....	\$12,294.50	Annual Meeting .....	1,051.77
Bal. in Bank 5/25/69 .....	\$12,294.50	Officer Expense .....	1.25
		Committee Expense .....	10.15
		<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$80,114.42</b>
		First Federal Savings & Loan Assoc. — Alexandria, La. ....	\$1,612.40
		Rapides Building & Loan Assoc. — Alexandria, La. ....	\$3,000.00

### ACCOUNTANT'S OPINION

Mrs. Wiley B. Gardner, Conference Treasurer  
 Women's Society of Christian Service  
 Louisiana Conference  
 The United Methodist Church  
 Mooringsport, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Gardner:

We have examined the Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Louisiana Conference, United Methodist Church for the period May 20, 1968 through December 31, 1968. Our examination was made in accordance with the generally accepted auditing standards applicable to the cash basis of accounting, and accordingly included such tests of the records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements presents fairly the result of the cash transactions of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Louisiana Conference for the period from May 20, 1968 through December 31, 1968.

Respectfully submitted,  
 BROOKE, MAYO & OPFERKUCH  
 Certified Public Accountants

February 28, 1969

### CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS — Mrs. Carter

The work in the program area of Christian Social Relations has been carried on through the district chairmen and through departmental committees. Emphasis in 1968 was on the election and election issues. Human rights and the race issue were also emphasized this year. Steps were taken by members of Conference A meeting with members of Conference B on Conference and District levels, thus working toward a better understanding before merger of the conferences in 1971.



One of the most important meetings I attended was a "Hub-City" Workshop on World Understanding in Jackson, Mississippi, in March. Emphasis for the coming year in Christian Social Relations will be on "spin-off" workshops with focus on social and economic development. Task groups are now being formed to continue work on these important issues:

### TASK GROUPS

#### **Toward Successful Merger**

Mrs. C. O. Henneman  
Mrs. John Green, Jr.  
Mrs. Jack B. Golson  
Mrs. Bascom Talley

#### **World Understanding**

Mrs. R. E. Carter  
Miss Elizabeth Langford  
Mrs. G. D. Giron  
Mrs. G. W. Dameron  
Mrs. Harvey B. Henry  
Mrs. T. C. Young  
Miss Bessie Rollo  
Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick  
Mrs. Robert Pospisil  
Mrs. Ivan O. Alexander  
Mrs. Mae Belle Varsan  
Mrs. S. B. Berger

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT, CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS, 1968-69**

Received from Conference Treasurer .....		\$300.00
Disbursements:		
Public Affairs Research Council .....	\$ 5.00	
Subscription to "Engage" .....	5.00	
Christian Social Concerns Briefing Conference .....	27.50	
Board of Christian Social Concern .....	3.77	
"Election Issue" Mailing to local societies .....	55.56	
"Church and Race" Mailing to Dist. Presidents .....	3.26	
Phone calls .....	6.64	
Literature and Supplies .....	45.65	
Stationery and Postage .....	26.44	
Total Disbursements .....	\$178.82	178.82
Balance .....		\$121.18
Check sent to Conference Treasurer May 21, 1969 .....		<u>\$121.18</u>

### **MISSIONARY EDUCATION — Mrs. Gilbert Bandel**

During the year 1968-69 the goal of Christian Mission has remained unchanged: to make known to the world the love of God as revealed through Jesus Christ. The Women's Division with other Divisions of the Board of Missions has reached, sometimes falteringly — many times confidently, to fulfill that goal.

Missions, 1969, can be expressed in at least three ways: (1) Strengthening and reinforcing existing patterns of mission that are fulfilling present day needs, or "letting go" those that no longer continue to serve their original purpose. (2) Launching out on new ventures to reach people who have never been challenged with the message of the Christian faith. Often this takes daring — risking criticism from people who have been trained to think that mission is safely "out there" someplace and not at our own doorstep in our own community. (3) Remaining alert to keep the organized church informed of areas in which the strengthening love of the Christian community can be an agent of healing, purifying, reconciliation. This third area may be our weakest for it makes active demands on all of us as individuals and as Societies. At the Regional Conference on Motivation for Mission at

Dallas last fall, we were reminded that continuing missionary education is needed as a powerful force in the church today.

During the past year our own Conference Society overpaid the pledge for the new Laskey Cottage at MacDonell. Nearly 1100 mission study leaders, ministers, laymen and women attended the Fall District Mission Study Conferences. More churches each year are participating in mission study through church-wide study groups, youth and children's classes, Sunday School and evening sessions. The importance of well-planned mission studies can hardly be over-emphasized.

Does your church keep in personal contact with at least one missionary? Have you had a missionary, deaconess or contract worker meet with you this year? Has your society given over and above your pledge to strengthen an existing mission or aided in starting a new one? Are you truly mission minded?

#### **SPIRITUAL GROWTH — Mrs. George Chastain, Jr.**

With the resignation of Mrs. John Howe to take an office with the South Central Jurisdiction, the office of conference chairman of Spiritual Growth changed hands in late November, and this report will consist of activities since that time. The main responsibility has been the Officer Training Day, held in Alexandria in April. All district chairmen of Spiritual Growth were present, and a very productive session of ideas and suggestions with an interchange of experiences made for a day when bonds were strengthened and a rededication to the purposes of the office was felt. Materials for use by local societies was circulated, and a discussion was held on the possible use of some of the new forms of worship.

Several societies have reported holding study-retreats and others are in the planning stage for fall.

A continued emphasis on a vital, living faith which touches all facets of life will be the most important concern of this office in the year ahead.

#### **PROGRAM MATERIALS — Mrs. Robert Compton**

**Annual Report of the Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church for 1968:** Share this record of yesterday, which also points out some of the hopes for tomorrow. Every Women's Society, Guild, local Commission on Missions, and church library needs a copy. Price \$1.50.

**Handbook:** The target release date for the new single Handbook for local societies and guilds is early March, 1969.

**Reading Course:** The approved plan of reading provides for a list of 40-50 current books to be printed annually for use by individuals and/or societies. The list will be for a calendar year. On each level of the society, the officer responsible for program materials will receive information and notification about the plan, and she will be responsible for promoting and carrying out the program. Urge all women to read at least one book each quarter or four books in a year. Books are available from the Service Center or from any Cokesbury Center.

Concern is expressed for the declining subscription rate for **response** and **World Outlook**. Help us change this picture — help local members to know that **response** is their magazine, and not only for officers; promote **World Outlook** as a vital tool in the task of education for mission as well as in programming.

## **DISTRICT PRESIDENTS' REPORTS**

### **ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT**

**Mrs. T. C. Young**

The Chairman of Missionary Education attended the Jurisdictional Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah. Program Planning and Resources Workshops were held in the district in August. New changes and terminology and a program on Human Rights was prepared and given to each local society. A Fall Mission Study Conference in September was well presented and attended. How to better use the Conference Annual Report, the presentation and sale of the new Sub-District Guides, and the new Constitution & ByLaws was the program of the fall sub-district meetings. The Mid-Year Executive Meeting and the Annual Meeting were both held in our district this year. We had three (3) district officers from Conference B in attendance at our last district regular meeting as our step toward the merger. At the 1968 District Annual Meeting in Winnfield, we had as our guest speakers John and Coye Howe. There has been active support of Church Women United of Central Louisiana by United Methodist Women. Continued loss of small societies, our failure to meet our pledge, and very poor attendance at all meetings in the district seriously hampers the fulfilling of our purpose.

### **BATON ROUGE DISTRICT**

**Mrs. Wade Stonecipher**

MISSION has been the key word in the Baton Rouge District. The District Secretaries of Christian Social Relations and Missionary Education attended the Conferences at Mt. Sequoyah, returning to work with the youth in the Inner City Project of New Orleans and the Mission Study Conferences of the district. Miss Elma Ashby spent ten days speaking to various groups and churches, followed by Dr. Vela Cleveland, guest speaker at the Guild District Annual Meeting. The Eden Park Mission Project was of great interest as the women from Conference B participated in the Women's Society Annual District Meeting, along with women representing the NEW LOOK of the Migrant Ministry Program and their needs of NOW. Programs of Mission needs in the prison at Angola and the Women's Prison at St. Gabriel, as groups from these institutions spoke in the district, opened new areas of concern. Yes, our women showed concern by the organization of one new Society and two new Guild Units . . . Mission on the Home Front . . . MISSION AND PLEDGES . . . MAKE FOR SUPPORT . . .

### **HAMMOND DISTRICT**

Mrs. Sam Clay, Jr., President, was elected at the organizational meeting of the Hammond District Women's Society of Christian Service held at the First United Methodist Church in Hammond, July 8, 1969. Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Conference President, presided at the meeting. Seventy-two ladies were present for this historic occasion. The Reverend J. J. Caraway, District Superintendent, installed the newly elected officers.

### **LAFAYETTE DISTRICT**

**Mrs. Beldon Fox**

The District Annual Meeting was well attended. Mrs. John Howe, Jr. was guest speaker and gave a timely address, "United We Celebrate". District officers and presidents of local societies of Louisiana Conference B attended. The cooperation between the women of Conferences A and B has been most rewarding. In spite of the fact that one society disbanded, two societies have combined and there has been a decrease in membership, the



pledge to missions was overpaid. High attendance and enthusiasm has been evidenced by the Executive Committee, Guild and members of local societies at all Conference, District Sub-District, special studies and workshops. A Presidents' Clinic plus Sub-District program planning was conducted in September. Fall and Spring Sub-District meetings were well attended — programs excellent. Topics used were: Human Rights — Voting, Spiritual Growth, Structure and changes, exchange and sharing of problems, ideas and projects of local societies. Visits, assistance and gifts to Wesley Foundation, Dulac, MacDonnel and Sager-Brown were numerous throughout the district. Cooperation between the church, Women's Society and Guild for Mission Study Conference has proved successful. Interest in missions has shown an increase. Dr. J. B. Holt was resource speaker for this conference. Mrs. John Howe, Jr., a member of the Jurisdiction Core Committee, held a Pilot Study at the Franklin Church; members of the District Executive Committee and local church groups assisted her in this project. The Executive Committee met in May. Goals were set to strengthen the weak points and continue to work to create interest in the whole program.

### **LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT** **Mrs. Jesse Porter**

1968-1969 brought many new challenges to the women of the Lake Charles District. These challenges have been met with courage and faith. It has been a beneficial and a busy year. The 1497 members have been involved with people. They are involved in transportation of the young and old to and fro to meetings and recreation. They are involved in visiting the sick, the lonely, the bereaved. They are involved in volunteering thousands of hours in hospital auxiliary, Heart associations, T. B. associations, cripple children, and Mental Health. They are involved in all kinds of youth groups — scouting, campfire, etc. These women are teaching sunday school classes, Mission studies, giving excellent programs. They are speaking publicly to other organizations and clubs. These women have dressed hundreds of dolls and stuffed many stockings for the Salvation Army. They have made layettes, maintained clothes closets, helped maintain pantries for Salvation Army and Gulf Assistance. They have placed Upper Rooms in doctors' offices and washaterias.

One society reported taking into the membership of their society a circle of young women — 13 to be exact — all under the age of 30.

All this plus the business of the Local Society.

### **MONROE DISTRICT** **Mrs. Don Wineinger**

One of the finest achievements of The Monroe District Women's Society and Guild was participation in The District Mission Study Conference, held in two sections at night. Results were gratifying. Thirty-three churches were represented, and more ministers and laymen attended than the previous year. Following the conference, each of the five sub-districts used the skit, "Daingerfield Newby Moves Uptown", with small group discussions. There were 43 women in attendance at the Annual Meeting in Alexandria. Two life memberships were presented to retiring district officers at the district annual meeting in Delhi. Local officer training was held in two areas of the district during May, with more than 100 different women in attendance.

Although 106 new members were gained, there was an over-all net loss of 95. Whether the loss was due to more accurate counting is unknown. In the age bracket under 30, 122 members were reported. Two of the largest societies have elected young women as their presidents.



The district came nearer to paying its pledge this year than previously. A total of \$1555 was given by the Society and Guild in special memberships.

### **NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT** **Mrs. Edgar E. Cayard**

The district president and a youth delegate attended the Missions conference at Mt. Sequoyah. District and local officers attended the School of Missions, Centenary College, Shreveport. The Secretary of Missionary Education and Service cooperated with the district committee in planning and promoting the Mission Study Conference held September 28, jointly with Conference B, at St. Matthews Church. The new Methodist Hospital Auxiliary was organized in January, Mrs. J. E. Manis was elected president. Local societies are giving much time to the work of the Auxiliary. Mrs. Connie Green, Secretary of Christian Social Relations, promoted a visit to the Migrant work in Hammond in April. The annual meeting of the New Orleans District was held April 9th at the Rayne Memorial Church, Dr. G. W. Pomeroy, District Superintendent, the principal speaker, presented the over-all goals for the district. District officers attended training in Alexandria, April 23rd, and presented training for local officers at Munholland Church on May 15th. There have been cooperative ventures with Church Women United, including a Missions Institute September 27, and World Day of Prayer observance. The newsletter is published quarterly immediately following the Executive Committee meeting. A joint meeting was held with the Guild in February. Board meetings of St. Marks Community Center and The Wesley Foundation of Tulane-Newcomb and L.S.U.N.O. are attended regularly by the District President. District officers have been visiting in local societies.

### **RUSTON DISTRICT** **Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr.**

The year 1968-69 has been one of change and learning new ways to perform the task of our new society. The spring meetings of each of the four sub-districts were used to training officers in these new ways. The fall meetings were planned to acquaint the membership of our district with the new Constitution and Bylaws, as well as the new Guidelines for Sub-districts. The women of local societies were used for these programs. The 1968 School of Christian Missions for the conference was attended by twenty-five members from our district. The District Mission Study Conference was held in cooperation with the Ruston District Chairman on Missions September 4th at First Church, Minden. In spite of torrential rains, the attendance was good with 186 persons in attendance. The attendance was made up of ministers, chairmen of commissions on missions and members of both the Guild and the Women's Societies. The three studies were presented in two sessions each, thus allowing each individual to receive teaching instructions in two of the studies. The 30th of April, 1969 the district chairman of Spiritual Growth planned a district retreat at Toma Lodge in Ruston. There were 200 women present from the guilds and the Women's Societies. This was then followed up with programs on spiritual growth in the Sub-district meetings. One society has been reactivated at our Sibley Church but we have lost two societies which leaves us with 33 societies and a membership of 1,311. One new guild has been organized at Trinity Church which gives us a total of 11 Guilds with a membership of 233. The membership for Ruston District Guilds and Societies is now 1,544.

### **SHREVEPORT DISTRICT** **Mrs. Thomas E. Kirkpatrick**

The year 1968-69 began with spring sub-district meetings. In June the district president and a youth delegate were in attendance for the Jurisdictional Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah. One hundred and twenty-four district women participated in the Conference

School of Christian Mission in July. The District Mission Study Conference in September was a joint effort of Districts A and B and was well attended. Because of weather, some persons in the southern part of the district were unable to attend and a make-up session was held for them. Every society except two were represented in one of the three mission-study training events.

Answering the plea of the Methodist Student Movement at Centenary, societies in Shreveport-Bossier City are supplying Thursday evening meals for the MSM during the school year. The fall months found societies in the Shreveport district joining with those all over the country in "services of celebration" for the chartering of the Women's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, immediate past president of the Women's Division, spoke at the District Annual Meeting in March, 1969. She told from her own experiences of the doors which are open and those which are (or have been) closed to women in the church. Members of the district executive committee invited those district and conference leaders of Conference B in Shreveport to share with them a day of spiritual enrichment in May.

Statistically there is a decline in the number of organized societies and the total membership in the district. The records show, however, that the financial giving of the women continued to increase. Enthusiasm is shown in many groups in the many ways in which persons are helping other persons. The new year begins even before the old year ends as planning gets underway for other days and better ways.

#### STATISTICS FOR LOUISIANA CONFERENCE A

District	Number Societies	Membership	Number Guilds	Membership	Total Membership
Alexandria	28	872	10	170	1042
Baton Rouge	28	1243	7	131	1374
Hammond	33	738	9	143	881
Lafayette	29	955	8	155	1110
Lake Charles	32	1497	13	232	1729
Monroe	44	1458	16	278	1736
New Orleans	29	1374	9	161	1535
Ruston	33	1311	10	233	1544
Shreveport	41	2424	16	248	2672
	<u>297</u>	<u>11872</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>1751</u>	<u>13623</u>

**MAILING LIST FOR FIRST ANNUAL REPORT**  
**Louisiana Conference A Women's Society**  
**1968 - 1969**

**DIVISION**

General Secretary of Women's Division  
President of the Women's Division  
Executive Secretaries

**JURISDICTION**

South Central Jurisdiction president and secretary-treasurer  
President and secretary of each conference in jurisdiction  
Jurisdiction officers residing in Louisiana

**CONFERENCE**

Past presidents of Louisiana Conference A  
Louisiana Conference A officers  
Chairmen of committees not otherwise included in list  
Members of conference committee on nomination not otherwise included in list  
Guild chairmen and recording secretary  
Retired conference officers, chairmen of program areas and lines of work for one year

**DISTRICT**

All district officers and sub-district chairmen  
Guild chairmen and recording secretary

**LOCAL**

Women's Society local presidents  
Guild local presidents

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Bishop of Louisiana Area  
LOUISIANA METHODIST, editor  
LOUISIANA METHODIST, women's editor  
2 copies to Centenary College Library  
Executive Secretary, South Central Jurisdiction  
Secretary of Louisiana Conference A  
9 District Superintendents  
2 copies to Conference Program Council  
2 copies to Mrs. J. H. McSween for binding  
President of the Louisiana Conference B Women's Society

**WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD  
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE A  
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



*Annual Meeting*

HELD AT

**First United Methodist Church**

**Alexandria, Louisiana**

**March 14 - 16, 1969**



## **WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD**

### **DIVISION**

Executive Secretary ..... Miss Lillian A. Johnson, 475 Riverside Drive,  
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## **SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION SOCIETY/GUILD**

President ..... Mrs. Edward A. Brandhorst, 569 West Glendale Road,  
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## **LOUISIANA CONFERENCE A**

### **WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

President ..... Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, 2081 Ferndale Avenue,  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808

## **BISHOP OF LOUISIANA AREA**

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton ..... 1715 American Bank Building,  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

## **PAST CONFERENCE SECRETARIES**

1941-1942 ..... Mrs. Hugh H. Hoff, Wedgwood Apartments No. 814,  
2511 Wedglea Drive, Dallas, Texas 75211  
1942-1943 ..... Mrs. W. R. Simmons, 220 Leo Street, Shreveport, Louisiana  
1943-1950 ..... Miss Grace Lawson, P. O. Box 241, Welsh, Louisiana 70591  
1950-1954 ..... Mrs. Vernon E. Carter, 1519 Mitchell Street, Humboldt, Tennessee  
1954-1958 ..... Mrs. Minza Rabun, 504 Jackson Street, Bastrop, Louisiana 71220  
1958-1962 ..... Miss Sue Batton (deceased February 17, 1968)  
1962-1966 ..... Miss Arline Tyler, 702 E. Washington Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71104

## **CONFERENCE OFFICERS WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD**

Chairman ..... Miss Mildred Evans, No. 2 Chatham Drive, New Orleans 70122  
Secretary ..... Mrs. Daisy Bergeron, P. O. Box 694, West Monroe 71291  
Chairman, Committee on Nominations ..... Miss Arline Tyler,  
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### DISTRICT CHAIRMEN

Alexandria ..... Mrs. Max Allen, 1602 Center Street, Winnfield 71483  
Baton Rouge ..... Miss Lillian Kennedy, 5926 S. Howell Drive, Baton Rouge 70805  
Hammond ..... Mrs. Vera Packer, P. O. Box 851, Slidell 70458  
Lafayette ..... Miss Hermine Tate, 142 Clark Court, Lafayette 70501  
Lake Charles ..... Mrs. Rosa McCullough, 524 Magnolia Street, DeRidder 70634  
Monroe ..... Mrs. Austin Miller, 311 Lakeside Drive, Monroe 71201  
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Ruston ..... Mrs. Robert Allen, 811 S. Main Street, Homer 71040  
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Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey ..... 710 N. Vienna Street, Ruston 71270

### CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

#### ADMINISTRATIVE:

Miss Mildred Evans, Chairman

Mrs. Daisy Bergeron  
Miss Lillian Kennedy

Miss Hermine Tate  
Miss Arline Tyler

#### BUDGET:

Miss Mildred Evans, Chairman

Mrs. W. B. Gardner  
Mrs. C. B. McGowan

Mrs. Max Allen  
Mrs. Rosa McCullough

#### BY-LAWS AND STANDING RULES:

Miss Lillian Kennedy, Chairman

Miss Mildred Evans  
Mrs. Daisy Bergeron

Mrs. C. B. McGowan  
Mrs. Austin Miller

#### NOMINATIONS:

Miss Arline Tyler, Chairman

Mrs. Rosa McCullough  
Mrs. Cay Richardson

Miss Lillian Kennedy  
Mrs. Bee Sandefur

#### PROGRAM:

Miss Lillian Kennedy, Chairman, Annual Meeting  
Mrs. Robert Allen, Chairman, Guild Weekend

Miss Mildred Evans  
Mrs. Daisy Bergeron  
Miss Arline Tyler  
Mrs. C. B. McGowan

Mrs. W. B. Gardner  
Mrs. Robert Allen  
Miss D. Eleanor Goodman  
Mrs. Ella Price

## DISTRICT OFFICERS AND LOCAL PRESIDENTS

### WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

#### ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

District Chairman ..... Mrs. Max Allen, 1602 Center Street, Winnfield 71483  
Secretary ..... Miss Alva Glover, 2218 Vance Avenue, Alexandria 71301  
Chairman, Nominating Committee ..... Mrs. Lucille Gunter, 105 Hope Street,  
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#### LOCAL PRESIDENTS

##### Alexandria:

First United Methodist, Doris Branton Unit ..... Mrs. Grace Brasher,  
5807 England Drive, Alexandria 71301

Trinity ..... Mrs. E. E. Gunter, 105 Hope Street, Alexandria 71301

##### Bunkie:

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Montgomery ..... Mrs. Marjorie Hughes, Montgomery 71454

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##### Pineville:

First United Methodist ..... Mrs. John Jones, 138 Jane Ann Street,  
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##### Winnfield:

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#### BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

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Secretary ..... Mrs. Kenneth C. McKnight, 4440 W. Brookstown Drive,  
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Chairman, Nominating Committee ..... Mrs. Gladys Quillian, 3634 Courtland Drive,  
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#### LOCAL PRESIDENTS

##### Baton Rouge:

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Jackson ..... Mrs. Mary W. Bankston, P. O. Box 163, Jackson 70748

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District Chairman ..... Mrs. Vera Packer, P. O. Box 851, Slidell 70458  
Secretary ..... Miss Louise Perritt, 311 Louisiana Ave., Bogalusa 70427  
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### LOCAL PRESIDENTS

Amite ..... Mrs. L. P. Batte, P. O. Box 745, Amite 70422  
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Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial:

Doris Crichlow Unit ..... Mrs. Bobbye K. Hutchinson, 638 Avenue D,  
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Covington:

First Church ..... Mrs. Barbara Ward, Rt. 1, Daren Drive, Covington 70433  
Franklinton ..... Mrs. Rheuble S. Smith, Box 491, Franklinton 70438  
Greensburg ..... Mrs. Sarah Fugler, Route 1, Greensburg 70441  
Kentwood ..... Mrs. Alma Varnado, P. O. Box 226, Kentwood 70444  
Ponchatoula ..... Mrs. Doris Lipscomb, 350 S. Fifth Street, Ponchatoula 70454  
Slidell ..... Mrs. Ann Nelson, Rt. 2, Box 422, Slidell 70458

## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

District Chairman ..... Miss Hermine Tate, 142 Clark Court, Lafayette 70501  
Secretary ..... Mrs. Ernestine Briley, 331 Country Club Drive, New Iberia 70560  
Chairman, Nominating Committee ..... Mrs. Lillian Soileau, 224 Natchez Blvd.,  
Opelousas 70570

### LOCAL PRESIDENTS

Abbeville ..... Mrs. Carl Hebert, 710 S. St. Charles St., Abbeville 70510  
Crowley:

First Church, Flavia Lambert Unit ..... Mrs. Jean I. Gilmore,  
100 N. Avenue M, Crowley 70526

Houma:

First Church ..... Mrs. Alice G. Crenshaw, 703 June Drive, Houma 70360

Lafayette:

Asbury Church ..... Miss Marjorie Boutte, 405 Kim Drive, Lafayette 70501

First Church ..... Mrs. Raymond D. Price, 102 Memory Lane, Lafayette 70501

New Iberia:

First Church ..... Mrs. Vera Williams, 503 Azalea Drive, New Iberia 70560

Opelousas:

Louisiana Memorial, Opelousas Unit ..... Mrs. Myra C. Byrd,  
760 E. North Street, Opelousas 70570

Rayne:

Centenary Church ..... Mrs. Rita Melancon, 1202 Margaret Street, Rayne 70578

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

District Chairman ..... Mrs. Rosa McCullough, 524 Magnolia St., DeRidder 70634  
Secretary ..... Miss Marie Williams, 218 Rouss Street, DeRidder 70634  
Chairman, Nominating Committee ..... Miss Laura Lynch, 100 North Street, Leesville 71446



## LOCAL PRESIDENTS

DeQuincy, Aline Kroger Unit ..... Mrs. Donnis Hines, Rt. 1,  
Box 194-A, DeQuincy 70633

DeRidder:

First Church:

Susie Jones Unit ..... Mrs. Judy Wood, Rt. 1, Box 212A, DeRidder 70634

Maye Youngblood Unit ..... Mrs. Lolita Jones, 205 W. Ninth St., DeRidder 70634

Jennings:

First Church ..... Mrs. Sandra Delacruz, 1413 Magnolia Drive, Jennings 70546

Lake Arthur ..... Mrs. Nona Doland, P. O. Box 816, Lake Arthur 70549

Lake Charles:

First Church, Julia Reid Unit ..... Mrs. Donald E. Allured, 733 Pujo Street,  
Lake Charles 70601

Simpson ..... Miss Kathryn Bower, 409 Prewitt Street, Lake Charles 70601

University Church, Lena Sweeney Unit ..... Mrs. Thomas J. Gieason,  
625 Jefferson Drive, Lake Charles 70601

Leesville:

First Church, WSG ..... Mrs. Harding Walters, 720 Kings Road, Leesville 71446

First Church, Laura Lynch Unit ..... Mrs. Frances Word, 604 North Street,  
Leesville 71446

Maplewood, Vela Cleveland Unit ..... Mrs. John L. Hunt, 228 Madison Street,  
Maplewood 70663

Roanoke ..... Mrs. Barbara Sockrider, P. O. Box 473, Roanoke 70581

Welsh ..... Mrs. Inez Doan, P. O. Box 606, Welsh 70591

## MONROE DISTRICT

District Chairman ..... Mrs. Austin Miller, 311 Lakeside Drive, Monroe 71201

Secretary ..... Mrs. Lewis Bennett, 311 Hudson Lane, Monroe 71201

Chairman, Nominating Committee ..... Miss Dorothy Shell, P. O. Box 168,  
Winnsboro 71295

## LOCAL PRESIDENTS

Bastrop ..... Mrs. Ruth Guthrie, 723 Van Avenue, Bastrop 71220

Columbia ..... Miss Berta Hearn, Columbia 71418

Fairbanks-Sterlington:

St. Andrew's Church ..... Mrs. Harold DeBray, P. O. Box 614, Fairbanks 71240

Lake Providence:

First Church ..... Mrs. Rae B. Martin, P. O. Box 6, Soudheimer 71276

Mer Rouge ..... Mrs. M. W. Phillips, Mer Rouge 71261

Monroe:

First Church, Unit No. 1 ..... Miss Ella Pearl Sutton, 2302 Gordon Avenue,  
Monroe 71201

Elizabeth Langford Unit ..... Mrs. Jeff Wilkerson, 906 S. 2nd Street,  
Monroe 71201

Memorial Church ..... Mrs. Fern Whatley, 4004 Blanks Street, Monroe 71201

Southside Church ..... Mrs. Callie Crow, 2205 Kentwood St., Monroe 71201

Oak Grove ..... Miss Ruth A. Guley, P. O. Box 2-C, Oak Grove 71263

Rayville ..... Mrs. Eunice Jackson, 305 Francis Street, Rayville 71269

Tallulah ..... Mrs. H. M. Naff, 610 Jefferson Street, Tallulah 71282

West Monroe:

Claiborne Church ..... Mrs. G. B. Daniels, 502 Parkwood Drive, West Monroe 71291

First Church ..... Mrs. C. S. King, 404 Parkwood Drive, West Monroe 71291

McGuire Church ..... Mrs. J. O. Young, 3017 N. 12th Street, West Monroe 71291

Winnsboro ..... Mrs. Elsie Putnam, 2002 Ellis Street, Winnsboro 71295

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

District Chairman ..... Miss D. Eleanor Goodman, 3409 Delaware St., Kenner 70062  
Secretary ..... Mrs. Blanche Wade, 413 Phosphor Street, Metairie 70005  
Chairman, Nominating Committee ..... Mrs. Velma Mitchell, 1205 Belmont Place,  
Metairie 70001

### LOCAL PRESIDENTS

#### Harahan:

St. Paul's Church ..... Mrs. Elva B. Huckabay, 416 Central Avenue,  
Apt. 11, New Orleans 70121

#### Metairie:

Munholland Memorial ..... Mrs. Maude Claflin, 2413 Nineteenth St., Kenner 70062  
St. Matthew's Church ..... Mrs. W. R. Feist, 1701 Riviere Ave., Metairie 70003

#### New Orleans:

Carrollton ..... Mrs. Elizabeth P. Miller, 2061 Timoleon Street,  
New Orleans 70122  
First Church ..... Miss Edith Sigbournsen, 3427 Cecil Street,  
New Orleans 70118  
Gentilly Church ..... Mrs. Kathryn Wallace, 5034 Pauger Street,  
New Orleans 70122  
Parker Memorial ..... Miss Margaret Young, 943½ Eleonore Street,  
New Orleans 70115  
Rayne Memorial ..... Mrs. J. W. Blakely, 3523 Camp Street,  
New Orleans 70115  
St. Luke's Church ..... Mrs. Ione W. Caro, 5971 Marshal Foch Street,  
New Orleans 70124

## RUSTON DISTRICT

District Chairman ..... Mrs. Robert Allen, 811 S. Main St., Homer 71040  
Secretary ..... Miss Wanda Guice, P. O. Box 121, Homer 71040  
Chairman, Nominating Committee ..... Mrs. Joe Key, 105 Allen Avenue, Jonesboro 71251

### LOCAL PRESIDENTS

#### Arcadia:

First Church, Martha Brown Unit ..... Mrs. Ruth Powell, Arcadia 71001

Farmerville ..... Mrs. Pat Pace, 405 Thomas Avenue, Farmerville 71241

#### Homer:

First Church ..... Mrs. Johnny Vise, 409 N. Main Street, Homer 71040

Jonesboro ..... Mrs. C. H. Garrett, Rt. 2, Box 355, Jonesboro 71251

#### Minden:

First Church ..... Mrs. W. B. Jones, 713 Buchanan Street, Minden 71055

Lakeview Church ..... Mrs. George E. Rhea, 400 Lake Shore Drive, Minden 71055

#### Ruston:

##### Trinity Church:

Virginia Laskey Unit ..... Mrs. J. G. Chumley, 607 W. Mississippi St., Ruston 71270

Bennett Steere Unit ..... Mrs. Fred Barr, 200 Fairfield Drive, Ruston 71270

Christie Williams Unit ..... Miss Mary Lou Ledbetter, P. O. Box 174, Ruston 71270

Springhill ..... Mrs. Lois Stewart, 300 First St. Pine Hill, Springhill 71075

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

District Chairman ..... Mrs. Ella P. Price, 1821 Jewella Rd., Shreveport 71109  
Secretary ..... Mrs. Carolyn W. Spano, 1332 Hasset Ave., Shreveport 71109  
Chairman, Nominating Committee ..... Mrs. Violet Dickens, 454 Columbia Street,  
Shreveport 71109

### LOCAL PRESIDENTS

#### Coushatta:

First Church ..... Mrs. Emily Stothart, P. O. Box 344, Coushatta 71019  
Haughton ..... Mrs. Mary G. Smith, P. O. Box 57, Haughton 71037  
Logansport:

First Church ..... Mrs. Mildred Edwards, P. O. Box E, Logansport 71049

#### Mansfield:

First Church ..... Miss Elizabeth Ricks, Mansfield 71052  
Plain Dealing ..... Mrs. Ruby Phillips, P. O. Box 398, Plain Dealing 71064

#### Shreveport:

Broadmoor Church ..... Mrs. I. B. Mann, 1310 Oden St., Shreveport 71104

##### First Church:

Unit No. I ..... Mrs. Genevieve Gentry, 2930 Stonewall St., Shreveport 71109

Unit No. II ..... Mrs. R. F. Richards, 3716 Gilbert St., Shreveport 71104

##### Lakeview Church:

Parka Unit ..... Mrs. J. T. Tadlock, 2820 Country Club Dr., Shreveport 71109

##### Mangum Church:

Unit I ..... Miss Sybil Kelly, 1501 Cross Lake Blvd., Shreveport 71109

Alma Levins Unit ..... Mrs. Dollie C. Brown, 2037 Elizabeth Street,  
Shreveport 71104

Morningside Church ..... Mrs. W. C. Barnette, 3429 Woodhaven Street,  
Shreveport 71108

Noel Memorial ..... Miss Arline Tyler, 702 E. Washington Street,  
Shreveport 71104

Summer Grove ..... Mrs. Glenn Ragan, 9000 Walker Road, Shreveport

Wynn Memorial ..... Mrs. J. R. Britton, 6309 Garden Oaks Drive, Shreveport 71109

Zwolle ..... Mrs. John Patton, Zwolle 71486

# JOURNAL OF THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL GUILD WEEKEND July 19-21, 1968

The twenty-second Louisiana Conference Guild Weekend opened at 4:00 P.M. Friday, July 19, 1968, with registration in the lobby of James Dormitory, Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana. Miss Adeline Durham served as chairman of registration. A snack supper, provided by Monroe District Guilds, and fellowship led by Miss Lillian Kennedy, Baton Rouge District, were enjoyed in the parlor of the dormitory. Individual meditation in the rooms followed.

Mrs. Eleanor Delafield of Shreveport District led Morning Watch at 7:00 A.M. Saturday in the parlor of James Dormitory. Registration was resumed following breakfast, and the Literature Room was open for the convenience of registrants, with Mrs. Velma Thomas in charge.

The first General Assembly opened in Hurley Music Auditorium at 9:00 A.M. with Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman, presiding. Following the singing of the theme hymn, "Awake, Awake to Love and Work," Miss Evans introduced Mrs. Hazel L. Dabney, Immediate Past Secretary, South Central Jurisdiction Wesleyan Service Guild; Miss Ethelene Sampley of Fort Pierce, Florida, the guest speaker for the Gospel of John; Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary, Louisiana Conference Women's Society; Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Conference Treasurer; Miss Arline Tyler, Chairman, Committee on Nominations, Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild; District Chairmen, Miss Bessie Rollo, Miss Lillian Kennedy, Mrs. Rosa McCullough, Mrs. Austin Miller, Miss Margaret Field, and Mrs. Ella Price. She also presented those with special responsibilities on the program — Mrs. Robert M. Lindsey, Chairman of Arrangements; Mrs. Velma Thomas, Program Materials; Mrs. W. D. Cotton, Song Leader; Mrs. Lillian Soileau, Pianist; Miss Elizabeth Langford and Mrs. Willis Ward, Delegates to Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission.

In the absence of the Chairman of Programs, Mrs. Milton C. Baldrige, who was unable to be present because of illness in her family, Miss Evans presented the program, asking that correction be made from 20th to 22nd Annual Guild Weekend. She especially commended and thanked Miss Elizabeth Langford, Mrs. Willis Ward, and Miss Arline Tyler for their support and assistance in all areas of the program.

Members attending their first Guild Weekend were requested to present themselves at the platform for a green-ribbon badge which they were asked to wear during the weekend. In this way they would be recognized. Everyone was requested to help make the first weekend of the wearers of this badge a pleasant and memorable one.

Miss Ethelene Sampley began a series of presentations of the "Gospel of John." Following a short break, Mrs. Hazel Dabney of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Immediate Past Secretary, South Central Jurisdiction Wesleyan Service Guild, spoke on "New Dimensions — Structure — Program," pointing out changes which are being made in conjunction with the formation of the United Methodist Church. In this she involved the entire membership through discussion and a question-and-answer period.

The second General Assembly was convened at 1:45 P.M. in Hurley Music Auditorium with Miss Evans presiding. Following the singing of the Guild Hymn and announcements, Miss Elizabeth Langford presented the mission studies for 1968-69. Mrs. Willis Ward was introduced and reviewed the study "Southeast Asia." Mrs. Ward was assisted by Mrs. Gloria Bennett and both were in costume. A recording of Southeast Asian songs and hymns suitable for use with this study was introduced. The second study, "New Forms of Mission," was reviewed by Miss Langford following intermission. Through discussion questions the entire group was involved in the presentation of this study. This part of the program was concluded with Ed Ames' recording of "Who Will Answer?"



At 4:00 P.M., while free time was scheduled for the registrants, the Conference Committee met in the Library of James Dormitory.

The third General Assembly opened with a song service led by Mrs. W. D. Cotton. In announcements, Miss Evans asked that the Evaluation Sheets be completed and turned in immediately after the Sunday business session.

Miss Sampley continued her presentation of the "Gospel of John," beginning with the playing of a recording, "The Eve of Destruction," and urging that the music being sung by the young people should be listened to by the adults in the church. The presentation was closed by playing Ed Ames' "Blowin' in the Wind."

Miss Elizabeth Langford showed a film on the Uniting General Conference held in Dallas, Texas, in April. She and Mr. Dudley Snow of Shreveport, who was a delegate, made a report on the Conference. Mr. Snow said he was giving a layman's view of the Conference.

Sunday's activities began with Morning Watch led by Mrs. Helen Owen in the parlor of James Dormitory. The fourth General Assembly began at 8:30 A.M. with hymn singing. Following the singing of "In Christ There Is no East or West," Miss Sampley completed the presentation of the "Gospel of John."

Miss Evans presided over the business session which began at 9:30 A.M. The Recording Secretary read a recommendation from the Conference Committee that the portion of the Sunday morning offering be given to missions in honor of Mrs. Hazel Dabney and Miss Ethelene Sampley, and in memory of Miss Margaret McGowan, the first Chairman of Supply Work of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild. Miss Marie Pace made the motion seconded by Miss Grace Lawson that this be approved. Motion carried.

A second recommendation was read by the Recording Secretary: "The Guild Committee recommends that the Conference select for a task group working with the Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Central Jurisdiction in Louisiana to facilitate merging by 1972, and that Miss Margaret Field serve as co-chairman with Mrs. Mary Helen Craig, Conference Chairman of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Central Jurisdiction." Miss Lillian Kennedy made a motion that this be approved. Mrs. Minza Rabun seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Miss Evans announced that the Conference Committee had selected Mrs. Rosa McCullough as Program Chairman for the 1969 Spring Meeting and Miss Lillian Kennedy as Chairman for the 1969 Guild Weekend. Motion by Mrs. Helen Owen, seconded by Mrs. Ethel Redditt that these appointments be approved was carried.

Miss Elizabeth Langford presented the Elizabeth Langford Award to Baton Rouge, New Orleans, and Ruston Districts inasmuch as each had one Guild unit organized during the past year. District Chairmen accepted the charters for the new units which are St. Pauls Church, New Orleans, with Mrs. Elva D. Huckaby president; Bennett Steere Unit, Trinity Church, Ruston, Mrs. Fred Barr, president; and St. Paul Church, Baton Rouge, with Mrs. Wayne Robertson, president. A check for \$25.00 was given by Miss Langford in honor of these new units, as a gift to missions.

Mrs. Ella Price, Shreveport District Chairman, recognized those persons who assisted in various aspects of the preparations for the Guild Weekend. These were Miss Adeline Durham, Registration Chairman; Miss Arline Tyler, Chairman of Housing; Mrs. R. M. Lindsey, Miss Elizabeth Ricks and all others who helped.

Thanks were expressed to the New Orleans District Guilds for table blessings, Monroe District for the snack supper, Baton Rouge District for the fellowship period, Mrs. Velma

Thomas for having served as Literature Chairman, and to all others who served on the program.

Miss Bessie Rollo made a report on the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend which she and Mrs. Daisy Bergeron attended as delegates.

Miss Evans announced that the Spring Meeting will be held at First Church, Alexandria, March 14, 15, 16, 1969. She urged all present to attend and to bring many more.

Miss Adeline Durham reported that 112 members and three guests were in attendance at the Weekend. By districts they were: Alexandria — 7; Baton Rouge — 6; Lafayette — 9; Lake Charles — 13; Monroe — 16; New Orleans — 14; Ruston — 10; and Shreveport — 37.

Mrs. Dabney lifted the theme of the United Methodist Church for the quadrennium 1968-1972, using a poster which was displayed showing the theme. She concluded with this the statement, "We will have Joy and Unity if we serve as we read the word and work in the world today."

Thanks for the opportunity to be in attendance were expressed by Mrs. Dabney. She also made a report on the use of funds given to missions in her honor at Mt. Sequoyah in June. The meeting concluded with the Closing Celebration, led by Miss Evans, assisted by Miss Arline Tyler and Mrs. Willis Ward.

Rev. George Pearce, Jr., Shreveport District Superintendent, brought the message for the Worship Service. Others participating were Miss Evans, Miss Tyler, and Mrs. Bea Sandefur. An offering of \$107.00 was made to missions.

(Mrs.) Daisy F. Bergeron  
Recording Secretary

## **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE COMMITTEE OF THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD**

**Shreveport, Louisiana  
July 20, 1968**

With Miss Mildred Evans presiding, the Conference Guild Committee met at 4:00 P.M., Saturday, July 20, 1968, in the Library of James Dormitory, Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana. Answering the roll call by the Recording Secretary were the following: Miss Mildred Evans, Miss Arline Tyler, Miss Bessie Rollo, Miss Lillian Kennedy, Mrs. Rosa McCullough, Mrs. Austin Miller, Miss Margaret Field, Mrs. Ella Price, Mrs. W. B. Gardner, and Mrs. Daisy Bergeron. Attending on behalf of Miss Hermine Tate was Mrs. L. Soileau and Mrs. D. Brown attended for Mrs. R. M. Steere. Special guest was Mrs. Hazel Dabney, Immediate Past Secretary, South Central Jurisdiction Wesleyan Service Guild.

Miss Evans reported on correspondence she has received from several members and past members of the Committee. The Recording Secretary read a telegram from Misses Maree White and Marilyn Carter expressing regrets at not being able to attend and extending best wishes for the Guild Weekend. A card of thanks from Mrs. Louise Baldrige was read. Cards were signed to be sent to Misses Tate and Carter and to Mrs. Baldrige and Mrs. C. B. McGowan.

Mrs. Austin Miller made a motion that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and Mrs. Soileau seconded. Motion carried.

The Committee approved the committee appointments made by Miss Evans as follows:

Administrative: Miss Mildred Evans, Chairman

Mrs. Daisy Bergeron  
Miss Bessie Rollo

Mrs. R. M. Steere  
Miss Hermine Tate

Budget: Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Chairman

Miss Mildred Evans  
Mrs. C. B. McGowan

Miss Marilyn Carter  
Mrs. Rosa McCullough

By-laws and Standing Rules: Miss Lillian Kennedy, Chairman

Miss Mildred Evans  
Mrs. Daisy Bergeron

Mrs. C. B. McGowan  
Mrs. Austin Miller

Nominations: Miss Arline Tyler, Chairman

Mrs. Rosa McCullough  
Mrs. Cay Richardson

Miss Lillian Kennedy  
Mrs. Bea Sandefur

Program: Chairman, Spring Meeting, to be selected

Chairman, Guild Weekend, to be selected

Miss Mildred Evans  
Mrs. Daisy Bergeron  
Miss Arline Tyler  
Mrs. C. R. McGowan

Miss Marilyn Carter  
Miss Bessie Rollo  
Mrs. Ella Price  
Mrs. R. M. Steere

Miss Tyler nominated Miss Lillian Kennedy for Program Chairman for 1969 Guild Weekend. Mrs. Rosa McCullough seconded. Mrs. Miller made a motion, seconded by Miss Rollo, that nominations cease and that Miss Kennedy be elected by acclamation. Carried.

Miss Tyler nominated Mrs. Rosa McCullough to serve as Program Chairman for the 1969 Spring Meeting. Mrs. Gardner seconded. No further nominations were made and Mrs. McCullough was elected.

Miss Evans discussed the offering to be taken at the Sunday Morning Worship Service. It was moved, seconded, and carried that we recommend to the Assembly that the portion of the Sunday Morning offering to be given to missions be given in honor of Mrs. Hazel Dabney and Miss Ethelene Sampley and in memory of Miss Margaret McGowan, the first Chairman of Supply Work of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild.

Miss Evans reminded the Committee of the task groups discussed by Mrs. Dabney earlier in the day and that the Committee should recommend a project to the Conference Guild. There was a lengthy discussion about the requirement of our Church Conference that the Central Jurisdiction be absorbed by 1972. Miss Kennedy and Miss Field told about some of the work they have done with groups in the Central Jurisdiction. Arising from the discussion was the decision to recommend that the Conference Guild select for a task group working with the Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Central Jurisdiction in Louisiana to facilitate merging by 1972. Mrs. Dabney suggested that in addition to having a coordinator on the Conference level and one from the Conference level of the Central Jurisdiction, that the work start on a district level. Miss Bessie Rollo moved that the Conference Guild select for a task group working with the Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Central Jurisdiction in Louisiana to facilitate merging by 1972, and that Miss Margaret Field serve as co-chairman with Mrs. Mary Helen Craig, Conference Chairman of Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Central Jurisdiction. Carried.

Miss Field made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Gardner, that two members of the Conference Guild Committee, Central Jurisdiction — Mrs. Mary Helen Craig and someone of

her choice — be invited to attend the October Meeting of the Conference Guild Committee. Unanimously carried.

It was announced that the program committee for the Spring Conference will meet in the Library of James Dormitory after the evening General Assembly.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

(Mrs.) Daisy F. Bergeron,  
Recording Secretary

## MID-YEAR MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE GUILD COMMITTEE

Alexandria, Louisiana      October 19-20, 1968

The Annual Mid-Year Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Committee opened at 2:00 P.M., October 19, 1968, at Holiday Inn, Alexandria, with Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman, presiding.

Opening worship was led by Miss Lillian Kennedy, Baton Rouge District Guild Chairman.

The roll call by the Recording Secretary was answered by Miss Evans, Miss Kennedy, Mrs. Daisy Bergeron, Miss Arline Tyler, Miss Bessie Rollo, Mrs. Rosa McCullough, Mrs. Austin Miller, Miss Margaret Field, Mrs. R. M. Steere, Mrs. Ella Price, Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, and Mrs. R. E. Carter. Miss Marilyn Carter arrived at 2:46. Mrs. Vera Williams was in attendance to represent Miss Hermine Tate who was not able to attend.

Miss Evans introduced Mrs. Mary Helen Craig, Conference Chairman of the Louisiana Conference B Wesleyan Service Guild, and Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, the District Chairman of the Baton Rouge District Guild, Conference B. Miss Evans also noted that Mrs. Craig is now a member of the Conference Guild Committee by virtue of her recent appointment to the Divisional Guild Committee.

Mrs. McCullough moved that the minutes of the July 20, 1968, meeting and the Journal of the Guild Weekend be approved as written. Carried.

The Recording Secretary read correspondence from Mrs. Coy Howe, Mrs. Virginia Laskey, and Miss Hermine Tate, who could not be present. Mrs. Steere moved that each absent member of the Committee be written a card. Carried.

Appointed to the Journal Committee by Miss Evans were Mrs. Steere, Miss Field, and Miss Tyler.

Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Conference President of the Women's Society of Christian Service, began her report by bringing greetings from the W.S.C.S. Conference Committee which had met during the week. She discussed the changes which are brought about in the formation of the new organization of the United Methodist Church, making reference to organization, meeting dates, and other new plans. A more detailed record of the oral report is on file in the records of the Recording Secretary.

Mrs. W. B. Gardner gave her report as Conference Treasurer. The finances of the Wesleyan Service Guild from June to August, 1968 show:



Receipts:

Pledge to Missions .....	\$3,946.53
MacDonell Methodist Center .....	<u>66.85</u>
	\$4,013.38

Disbursements:

Insurance .....	\$40.25
Regional School of Christian Mission .....	206.08
Office Expense .....	<u>30.50</u>
	\$276.83

The Chairman of Missionary Education, Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, spoke briefly of her area of work and stated that from all the information which has come to her from all sources, the Number One thing stressed is the plea for cooperation with the total program of the church. The program of the local church has never been in such sharp focus. She also told of some of the highlights of the Dallas Conference.

Mrs. R. E. Carter, Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations, spoke of the Committee on Election Issues which is at work presently, and she stated that the Women's Society of Christian Service has now joined Public Affairs Research Council. A task group is working on the International Year on Human Rights, and the Guilds were urged to have a program on this theme at the local level. Several reports have been made on citizenship buzzes and several subscribers to engage have been reported to her, also.

Copies of the reports made by the eight District Chairmen are in the file of the Recording Secretary.

Mrs. Craig spoke of several meetings which she was privileged to attend during the past twelve months, including the Women's Division meeting in Denver, Guild Weekend and School of Christian Mission at Mt. Sequoyah, and the Jurisdiction Board of Health and Welfare Ministries. She has been asked to serve as a member at large on the Divisional Guild Committee.

Mrs. Thomas made a brief statement about the Conference B Guilds in her district, four in number. She also mentioned having attended the World Understanding Workshop at First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, in December.

Following a coffee break, Miss Carter reported on Christian Service Times, bringing up problems encountered at present, especially following Mrs. Howe's recent resignation because of the new office which she has accepted on the Women's Society of Christian Service-Wesleyan Service Guild Core Committee. The feasibility of working with the paper to make it a promotional organ, paying its own way, was discussed by the group.

Miss Tyler moved that (1) Christian Service Times be discontinued as the present publication and (2) the committee be authorized to study the needs and recommendations as they come in from district and local groups as to future promotion. Carried.

With respect to Evaluation Reports, Miss Evans relayed information from Miss Lillian Johnson that there will be one report for the entire Guild unit. There will be a statistical report and an evaluation report, the first forms to be distributed on December 31, 1968, and due to be returned by the local presidents on February 1, 1969.

Miss Field gave a brief report regarding the work of the task group with Conference B Guilds.

Miss Tyler reported that the only nominations needed this year will be for three

representatives to the Jurisdictional School of Christian Mission to be held June 14 to 20, 1969.

Miss Evans made the Conference Chairman's report, which may be seen in the file of the Recording Secretary.

Mrs. McCullough moved that the amount of \$6.00 per person be allowed for meals for this meeting. Seconded by Miss Rollo. Carried.

The meeting adjourned for supper after announcement by Miss Evans that the Program Committee would meet immediately.

Upon reconvening after supper, the Recording Secretary reported that the Program Committee recommends that \$2.50 be charged as registration fee for the Annual Meeting in Alexandria, March 14 to 16, 1969. Miss Kennedy moved the adoption of this recommendation. Carried.

The report by Miss Kennedy, Chairman of the Constitution and By-laws Committee, was made. The entire by-laws must be reviewed and altered so as to conform with the new organization. The Committee was asked to meet immediately following this session of the Conference Committee and again the following morning to make changes. A more detailed report was to follow.

Mrs. Ella Price led the group in prayer prior to adjournment for the night.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:30 A.M. Sunday morning. Miss Kennedy completed the report of the Constitution and By-laws Committee. The report with recommended by-laws was accepted.

Miss Tyler moved that the Committee be authorized to make any changes in the Constitution and By-laws as accepted so that they will meet the policies of the Women's Division. Carried.

Mrs. Gardner presented the proposed pledge:

Alexandria District	\$1,579.00	Monroe District	\$2,412.00
Baton Rouge District	1,902.00	New Orleans District	2,163.00
Lafayette District	1,386.00	Ruston District	1,722.00
Lake Charles District	2,444.00	Shreveport District	2,239.00
			<u>\$15,847.00</u>

Mrs. Gardner moved that the total pledge of \$15,847.00 be accepted for the period June 1, 1969, to December 31, 1969. Carried.

The following proposed budget was presented by Mrs. Gardner:

Office Expense	\$125.00
Guild Weekend	175.00
Committees	100.00
Mid-Year Meeting	300.00
Regional School of Christian Mission	400.00
Annual Meeting	500.00
Jurisdiction and Division Cultivation	75.00
Christian Service Times	100.00
Miscellaneous	75.00
	<u>\$1,850.00</u>

Mrs. Gardner moved that the proposed budget in the total amount of \$1,850.00 be accepted. Carried.

Mrs. Gardner moved that we accept \$95,254.00 as a total pledge to missions for the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild. Carried.

Mrs. McCullough reported on the program planned for the Annual Meeting in March, to be held at the First United Methodist Church, Alexandria, and Ramada Inn.

Miss Kennedy suggested that the local Guilds review the Evaluation Reports early in the year so that what is expected will be known and the reports can properly be made in the light of the goals.

In her closing remarks Miss Evans gave the following information:

Dates to be remembered: Annual Meeting, March 14 to 16, 1969; Louisiana Conference School of Mission, July 22 to 25, 1969; Guild Weekend, July 25 to 27, 1969. Also, the Annual Meeting in 1970 will be at First United Methodist Church in New Orleans, and it will have to precede the W.S.C.S. Conference. It may also be necessary that we have a Fall, rather than a Spring, meeting. We will need to elect three members of the Committee on Nominations, a Chairman, and three representatives to the Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission.

Miss Evans urged the District Chairmen to work on membership, new units, and meeting the pledge to missions.

Mrs. McCullough moved the meeting adjourn. Carried.

Closing worship was given by Miss Tyler.

(Mrs.) Daisy F. Bergeron  
Recording Secretary

## **WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING** **Friday, March 14, 1969**

The Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Committee met in the Azalea Room of the Ramada Inn, Alexandria, at 8:00 P.M., Friday, March 14, 1969, with Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman, presiding. Mrs. W. B. Gardner opened the meeting with prayer.

The following persons answered roll call: Miss Evans, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Rosa McCullough, Miss Bessie Rollo, Miss Margaret Field, Mrs. Coy Howe, Mrs. R. M. Steere, Miss Lillian Kennedy, Miss Hermine Tate, Mrs. Austin Miller, Miss Arline Tyler, Mrs. Daisy Bergeron, Mrs. R. E. Carter, Miss Marilyn Carter. Letters from Mrs. Glenn Laskey and Mrs. George M. Chastain, Jr., were read. They expressed their reasons for not being present. Mrs. McGowan was ill, also, and Mrs. Bandel had taken her home from the Women's Society of Christian Service Conference. Mrs. Steere moved that cards be sent to the absent members. Carried.

Miss Evans introduced those present who were not in attendance at the last meeting of the Committee. There were no guests present.

Miss Bessie Rollo moved that the minutes of the Mid-Year Meeting of October 19-20, 1968, be approved as written. Carried.

Appointed to the Journal Committee by Miss Evans were Misses Tate and Carter. Resolutions Committee appointments were Mrs. McCullough, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Steere, and Miss Tyler.

Mrs. Howe gave a very interesting and rather detailed report of the meeting and work of the Jurisdiction Society Guild Core Committee of which she is a member. She explained the make-up of the committee itself and its purpose, as well as the task groups which have been formed from the work of this group. One of these will be a training program for Conference Presidents and Chairmen of the Wesleyan Service Guilds in long range planning, to be held in September. Another is in the Louisiana Conference. Franklin has been chosen for this pilot group because its size and structure are such that the outgrowth can be followed by churches of any size.

Mrs. McCullough briefly presented the program for the Annual Meeting and gave the title of Dr. Vela Cleveland's address as "The Four Attitudes", and that of Dr. Hearn's address as "Making Things New." She called attention to the spelling of her name, Rose which should be Rosa, and that Mr. W. R. Kelley should be Mrs. W. R. Kelley. She reported that Dr. Ben Oliphint and Rev. Gilbert Wade, Pastor and Associate Pastor of First United Methodist Church, will serve the Communion.

Miss Evans advised the group that permission had been granted to reproduce the program cover for District and Local groups, if desired.

Miss Tyler reported for the Committee on Nominations. The Committee submitted as nominees to the Regional School of Christian Mission, June 15-20, 1969, Mrs. Daisy Bergeron and Mrs. Agnes Miller, with a third to be named by the Administrative Committee of the Guild. Mrs. McCullough moved that the report be accepted. Carried.

Miss Carter made a report from the Christian Service Times Committee and read the recommendations from the Committee, a copy of which is in the file of the Secretary. Action of the Women's Society of Christian Service upon the recommendations was explained, and, it was noted that the Assembly voted to discontinue the publication following the next issue. There was a discussion of the various problems confronted in publishing the paper along with the number of subscriptions by Districts. Mrs. Gardner moved that at the present time the recommendations of the Christian Service Times Committee be rejected. Carried.

Miss Tate moved that a committee be appointed to study the possibility of some other forms of communication and that an invitation be extended to the Women's Society of Christian Service to participate if they desire, and that the committee report at the Mid-Year Committee Meeting. Carried.

Miss Evans announced that the Annual Report for 1968-69 is to be dedicated to past Conference Secretaries. She asked for help in obtaining the addresses of some of those persons. Also, Miss Evans advised that the list of officers for each District and for local units should be sent in as soon as possible after election for inclusion in the Annual Report.

In submitting the report of the Conference Treasurer, Mrs. Gardner listed dates for reporting by local and District Women's Society of Christian Service Treasurers, and stated that in each case the Wesleyan Service Guilds should make their reports five days earlier than local Treasurers. The last 1968-1969 report is to be submitted by the District Treasurers May 15. The Conference report goes to the Division by May 25, and no money at all can be sent to the Division for the two weeks following that report. Therefore, local units are urged to anticipate and complete all financial transactions on time. Local Guild units should make this report on April 25, 1969.

For the seven-months period, June 1, 1969 to December 31, 1969, reporting dates are:



local Women's Society of Christian Service to District Treasurer, August 25, 1969; District to Conference Treasurer, September 5; and Conference Treasurer to Division, September 15. No additional funds can be sent to the Division until after October 1, 1969. Local Treasurers report to the District Treasurers again on December 5; District to Conference Treasurer on December 15; Conference books will be closed December 31, 1969. Thereafter, we will be on a calendar-year basis. Two pledge services are to be held in 1969 — in May for the last seven months of 1969, and then in November for the year 1970. It is now required that District Cultivation Funds be sent to the Conference Treasurer through regular channels, and upon approval of the Committee on Finance, these funds will be returned to the District Treasurers for disbursement. This procedure will become effective January 1, 1970. The District Wesleyan Service Guild Cultivation Fund is now thirty cents per member.

Mrs. Gardner moved that the Committee recommend to the Assembly that the Wesleyan Service Guild Conference Committee be authorized to carry on the work of the Conference Guild in 1970 with the funds available until such time as the annual pledge and budget can be presented to the Annual Meeting. Carried.

Miss Evans closed the evening session with a short memorial service for Miss Maree White, immediate past Recording Secretary, who died in New Orleans on December 3, 1968.

#### **Saturday, March 15, 1969**

The Committee reconvened in the Azalea Room for breakfast, at which time Mrs. Ella Price was in attendance.

Following breakfast Miss Kennedy presented suggested changes in the By-laws and Standing Rules which were drafted at the Mid-Year Meeting. Mrs. Gardner moved the adoption of the By-laws and Standing Rules as amended. Carried.

It was moved by Miss Tyler that the offering to Missions be dedicated as a memorial to Miss Maree White. Carried.

Mrs. McCullough moved that the money obtained from the sale of Bookmarks for Missions be given in honor of Dr. Vela Cleveland. Carried.

It was explained by Mrs. Gardner that the Conference has overpaid the pledge to MacDonell Methodist Center Building Fund, but some local units are still submitting funds for this purpose. She moved that the Committee recommend to the Assembly that since the \$10,000.00 supplementary gift to MacDonell Methodist Center Building Fund, pledged by the Conference, has been paid, the District Treasurers be authorized to request permission from local Guilds making such remittances to transfer these funds to the District pledge to missions. Carried.

In making her report as chairman of the task group, Miss Field stated that she has written to each Guild of Conference B advising that she and the District Chairmen are willing to help them in any way. To date she has received no response.

Miss Evans suggested that instead of working on the programs for the Annual Meeting and Guild Weekend as we have done, that we have a task group for the 1970 meetings. Miss Tyler moved that the Chairman for the 1970 Annual Meeting be named by the Administrative Committee. Carried.

There was some discussion relative to inviting Conference B members to attend Guild Weekend. Mrs. Miller made a motion that we recommend to the Annual Meeting that, with

the agreement of Centenary College, we invite Shreveport District Conference B Guilds, the Conference Chairman, the District Chairmen, and also Mrs. Mary Helen Craig, all of Conference B, to attend Guild Weekend at their own expense. Seconded by Miss Kennedy. Carried.

Several possibilities for task groups were suggested for the Conference. These included the study of the relationship between the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild in the local church; defining and understanding of task groups and the need for the local groups understanding what these can be and what some possibilities are; the cooperation of the Guild in World Understanding Workshops and other facets of this area. Reference was made to several articles in the recent issues of *response*, as well as a series of programs which is available.

Mrs. Gardner moved that a task group be set up in the Conference to work on the educational and directive areas of the Wesleyan Service Guild and its relation to the Women's Society of Christian Service and the local church. Carried.

Miss Tyler moved that Lafayette District be selected as the pilot group for the task group on educational and directive areas and that Misses Hermine Tate and Marilyn Carter serve as chairman and co-chairman. Carried.

Motion was made and seconded that Miss Elizabeth Langford be asked to work on the task group on World Understanding with Mrs. Carter. Carried.

Miss Evans read a letter from Miss Lillian Johnson and one from Miss Marian Baker giving information pertaining to Guild work. Miss Evans will send this information to each member of the Committee in written form later.

A letter from Miss Florence Little was also reviewed with attention directed to articles in *response*.

Daisy F. Bergeron,  
Recording Secretary

**SPECIAL MEETING OF  
WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
Sunday, March 16, 1969**

A very brief meeting of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Committee was held immediately following adjournment of the Annual Meeting, Sunday, March 16, 1969, with Miss Evans presiding.

Authority was given to the Administrative Committee to plan the program for Guild Weekend and to invite Miss Lillian Johnson, Executive Secretary, Employed Women.

Miss Lillian Kennedy was elected Program Chairman for the 1970 Annual Spring Meeting to be held in New Orleans.

(Mrs.) Daisy F. Bergeron,  
Recording Secretary

**FIRST ANNUAL MEETING  
WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD**

**MARCH 14 — 16, 1969**

*"What Does the Lord Require of You"*

**FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1969**

Headquarters — Ramada Inn

5:00 P.M.	Registration	Lobby
8:00 P.M.	Conference Guild Committee Meeting	Suite "A"

**SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 1969**

8:00 A.M.	Conference Guild Committee — Breakfast and Meeting	Azalea Room
9:00 A.M.	Registration	Lobby
10:00 A.M.	Meeting — District Chairmen	First United Methodist Church
12:00 NOON	Registration, continued	First United Methodist Church

**Afternoon Session**

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

1:00 P.M.	Prelude	
	Theme Hymn — "Go Make of All Disciples"	No. 342
	Convening of the First Annual Meeting	Miss Mildred Evans
	Welcome	Miss Marie Pace and Mrs. W. R. Kelley
	Prayer and Welcome Address	Dr. Ben Oliphint
	Presentation of Program	Mrs. Rosa McCullough
	Report of Recording Secretary	Mrs. Daisy Bergeron
	Appointment of Committees	
	Announcements	
	Address	Dr. Vela Cleveland
	Pledge Service	Mrs. W. B. Gardner

**Evening Service**

6:00 P.M.	Banquet	Fellowship Hall, First United Methodist Church
	Presiding	Miss Mildred Evans
	Invocation	Rev. Gilbert Wade, Jr.
	Introductions	Miss Mildred Evans
	Entertainment	Rev. John Kilpatrick
	Closing Session	Sanctuary
	Prelude	
	Guild Hymn	No. 542
	Address	Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn
	Holy Communion and Offering for Missions	

**SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 1969**

8:30 A.M.	Business Session	Fellowship Hall, First United Methodist Church
	Presiding	Miss Mildred Evans
	Order of Business	
	Report of Christian Service Times	Miss Marilynn Carter
	Report of Conference Chairman	Miss Mildred Evans
	Theme Hymn — "Go Make of All Disciples"	No. 342
	Benediction	
	Adjournment	
10:30 A.M.	Worship Service	First United Methodist Church

# **FIRST ANNUAL SPRING MEETING LOUISIANA CONFERENCE A WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD**

**March 15-16, 1969**

The First Annual Spring Meeting of the Louisiana Conference A Wesleyan Service Guild convened in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church, Alexandria, at 1:00 P.M., March 15, 1969, with Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman, presiding.

The presidents of the Alexandria Guilds, Miss Marie Pace and Mrs. W. R. Kelley, extended a welcome to the group, as did the host pastor, Dr. Ben Oliphint, who led in prayer. Mrs. Rosa McCullough, Program Chairman, presented the program pointing out minor corrections. A rising vote of thanks was made to the committee members of the Alexandria District who planned and provided for the meeting.

The report on Christian Service Times was made by Miss Marilyn Carter who called attention to the status of the publication, the number of subscriptions by districts, and the recommendations made by the joint Christian Service Times Committee, a copy of which is in the files of the secretary. The group was advised of the action taken by the Women's Society of Christian Service. Miss Carter read the recommendation of the Guild Committee that the recommendations of the Christian Service Times Committee be rejected at the present time. Miss Carter made a motion that the action of the Committee be accepted. Carried.

Miss Arline Tyler reported for the Committee on Nominations as follows:

"The Committee on Nominations wishes to submit the following names as delegates to the Regional School of Christian Missions, June 15-20, 1969: Daisy Bergeron and Agnes Miller, and to recommend that the Administrative Committee be authorized to select the third delegate."

Miss Tyler moved the adoption of this report. Carried.

Conference Treasurer, Mrs. W. B. Gardner, called attention to the written report included in the packets. She reminded the group that funds for Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation should be sent through the District Treasurers to the Conference Treasurer in order to avoid unnecessary transactions. Mrs. Gardner also reminded the Assembly that there will be two pledge services for 1969 — the May pledge for June 1 to December 31, 1969, and one in November for the year 1970.

The Secretary read the following recommendations: (1) that the Wesleyan Service Guild Committee of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild be authorized to carry on the work of the Conference Guild in 1970 with funds available until such time as the annual pledge and budget can be presented to the Annual Meeting; (2) that since the \$10,000.00 supplementary gift to MacDonell Methodist Center Building Fund pledged by the Conference has been paid, the District Treasurers be authorized to request permission from local Guilds making such remittances to transfer these funds to the District pledge for Missions. Mrs. Gardner moved that these recommendations be adopted. Carried.

The Chairman of the Committee on By-laws and Standing Rules, Miss Lillian Kennedy, asked the Assembly to study carefully the copy of the proposed By-laws and Standing Rules which was included in the packets, in order to be ready to consider them for adoption at the Sunday morning business session.

Miss Evans introduced Mrs. Rosa McCullough, Lake Charles District Chairman, and Mrs. Barbara Sockrider, president of a new Guild at Roanoke Church, formerly EUB, in that district. The charter for the unit was presented to Mrs. Sockrider.



Miss Evans announced the appointment of Misses Marilyn Carter and Hermine Tate to the Journal Committee. She also announced that the Conference Committee had voted that the offering to Missions be given as a memorial to Miss Maree White, while the proceeds from the sale of Bookmarks for Missions will be given in honor of Dr. Vela Cleveland.

The group was delighted to have Dr. Vela Cleveland, a former Louisiana Guild member and now a missionary to India, give an address on the theme, "The Four Attitudes." Dr. Cleveland answered questions about her work and modeled the sari she was wearing.

The Secretary read the following recommendations from the Conference Committee:

"That, with the agreement of Centenary College, we invite Shreveport District Conference B Guilds, the Conference Chairman, the District Chairmen, and Mrs. Mary Helen Craig, all of Conference B, to attend Guild Weekend at their own expense.

"That a task group be set up in the Conference to work on the educational and directive areas of the Wesleyan Service Guild and its relation to the Women's Society of Christian Service and the local church; that Lafayette District be selected as the pilot group for the task group and Misses Hermine Tate and Marilyn Carter serve as Chairman and Co-chairman."

Mrs. Bergeron moved the adoption of these recommendations. Carried.

Symbols used in the beautiful new sanctuary in which the meeting was held were explained by the Associate Pastor, Rev. Gilbert Wade.

Following a short break the Treasurer, Mrs. W. B. Gardner, advised the members that Mrs. McGowan, Conference President, was compelled to return home because of illness, and that she deeply regretted that she could not attend the Annual Meeting of the Guild. She had expressed hope that her absence would be understood. Members present expressed their sympathy and understanding.

Mrs. Gardner led the District Chairmen in a very impressive service in which the following Pledge to Missions was made: Alexandria District, \$1,579.00; Baton Rouge District, \$1,902.00; Lafayette District, \$1,386.00; Lake Charles District, \$2,444.00; Monroe District, \$2,412.00; New Orleans District, \$2,163.00; Ruston District, \$1,722.00; and Shreveport District, \$2,239.00. The pledge, totaling \$15,847.00, was accepted by Miss Evans and presented to Mrs. Gardner for Mrs. C. B. McGowan, President, Women's Society of Christian Service.

The closing prayer was given by Miss Evans.

### Evening Session

Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church was the scene of the banquet at 6:00 P.M., with Miss Evans presiding. Following the invocation by Rev. Gilbert Wade, Miss Evans introduced the persons seated at the head table, including the Conference officers and guests, and the District Chairmen. Rev. John Kilpatrick, District Superintendent of Alexandria District, introduced the other ministers who were present.

Rev. Kilpatrick entertained with humor and songs, accompanying himself with the accordion.

The Assembly moved into the sanctuary for the closing session, presided over by Miss Evans, who led in prayer following the group singing of the Guild Hymn.

Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn, Executive Director, Forth Worth Area Council of Churches, was introduced. He gave a very inspiring message on "Making Things New."

Holy Communion was administered in an impressive ceremony by Dr. Ben Oliphint and Rev. Wade, during which the offering to Missions was placed on the altar. This service was concluded with The Passing of the Peace and benediction led by Dr. Oliphint.

### **Sunday, March 16, 1969**

The last session of the Annual Meeting was held in Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church at 8:30 A.M., with Miss Evans presiding.

Miss Kennedy presented the proposed By-laws, pointing out several changes which had been made by the Committee following the reproduction of the copies which were in the packets. Miss Kennedy moved the adoption of the By-laws as revised. Carried.

Miss Kennedy moved the adoption of the By-laws of the Women's Division. Carried.

The Standing Rules were presented by Miss Kennedy who pointed out changes made by the Committee following reproduction of copies. She moved the adoption of the Standing Rules. Carried.

The following dates were called to the attention of the Assembly by Miss Evans:

June 16-20, 1969 West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission  
July 21-25, 1969 Louisiana Conference A School of Christian Mission  
July 25-27, 1969 Louisiana Conference A Wesleyan Service Guild Weekend.

Miss Margaret Field, New Orleans District Chairman, and Miss Eleanor Goodman of First United Methodist Church of New Orleans, issued an invitation for the Annual Meeting to be held at First United Methodist Church and Jung Hotel, March 13-15, 1970. The invitation was accepted by Miss Evans.

The Registration Chairman, Mrs. W. R. Kelley, reported 185 registrants for the Annual Meeting, and an attendance of 188 members and 9 guests at the banquet. Receipts were \$820.50.

The offering to Missions in memory of Miss White was reported by Mrs. Gardner to be \$225.38 and the sale of Bookmarks for Missions to be given in honor of Dr. Cleveland was \$100.00. District Chairmen were asked to take the bookmarks left over back into the districts for sale to be applied to the District pledge.

Miss Evans asked that the evaluation sheets be completed and left with the persons stationed at the exits upon leaving the room. She reminded the group that as soon as District elections are held, the list of officers should be submitted. Presidents of local units are also to submit lists of officers. Local elections are to be held prior to June and officers take over their duties on September 1.

A copy of the Conference Chairman's report, which was given by Miss Evans, is in the file of the Secretary.

Miss Elizabeth Langford moved that Miss Evans be given a rising vote of thanks for her report and for her leadership. The group responded by rising.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was begun in the form of a dialogue between Miss Langford and Mrs. McCullough. Joining them were several of the District Chairmen,

and in this way thanks were expressed to the Conference Chairman, all committee chairmen and members, speakers, the Women's Society of Christian Service circle who prepared the banquet, Miss Marilyn Carter for her work with the Christian Service Times, and to all Guild members who attended the Annual Meeting.

Miss Dorothy Dunbar invited all lovers of Camp Brewer to attend the get-together there the first weekend in October.

Following the singing of the theme hymn, "Go Make of All Disciples," Mrs. McCullough led the closing ceremony, "The Office for Those who have Participated in the Annual Meeting," thus closing the First Annual Meeting.

(Mrs.) Daisy F. Bergeron,  
Recording Secretary

## REPORT OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE A CHAIRMAN WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD MISS MILDRED EVANS

The weekend of December 6-8, 1968 found me in New York attending the Guild Orientation for Conference Chairmen planned by the Women's Division Guild Committee and the Women's Division Staff. The meeting opened at 8:00 P.M. on Friday and closed at 3:00 P.M. on Sunday. We were divided into eight groups with twelve people and a leader in each group. The discussions and work in each group varied, but on Sunday, forenoon and afternoon, when each group summarized its work for the entire meeting, it was not too surprising to learn that the principle thinking and discussions, in each group, were concerned with the following:

1. The need for a Guild. Why do we have a Guild? What is its purpose and function?
2. The Guild under the new and changed structure. Can it continue to work and survive under the new structure?
3. Task groups. What tasks should we work with and how is this decided?
4. Meetings. What kind of meetings should the Guild Committee plan?
5. Our interest in persons as prospects for membership. Do we ostracize those who are not teachers, white collar workers, or professional people?

In this report to you, the President, officers, and members of the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild, I would like to discuss briefly these five questions.

The discipline of the United Methodist Church provides that a Wesleyan Service Guild, auxiliary to the Women's Society of Christian Service, and composed of employed women may be organized in the local church.

"The Wesleyan Service Guild was formulated expressly for the employed women of the church and for other employed women who desire to participate in its program. The Guild is geared to the employed woman in intent and purpose."

"Thriving secular groups for industrial, business and professional women are found in abundance throughout the United States. They are thriving and abundant because they fill a need, and satisfy a desire. Employed women tend toward these groups, partially because they wish to have fellowship with others of like interests, partially because they wish to learn and to be well informed. But there is another reason, which is evidenced by the fact that so many of these groups are service clubs. These women want to be useful — to spend their time and efforts to advantage, and for the good of humanity."

"Many of the women who are using their time in these organizations are church members. As Christians we feel that these women should be giving of their efforts toward Christian service, and that the church should have a group that not only makes this possible but that is attractive to them."

Both the Women's Society and the Guild have the same basic purpose — "to help women grow in the knowledge and experience of God as revealed in Jesus Christ; to challenge them to respond to God's redemptive purpose in the world; to unite them in a Christian fellowship to make Christ known throughout the world; and to develop a personal responsibility for the whole task of the church."

"They should complement each other, both working toward the accomplishment of the purpose, but there needs to be differentiation between the two in matters such as timing of meetings, interests involving fellowship, activities, and approach to program."



This brings us to the second question — The Guild under the new and changed structure.

Under the new structure we have only the principle officers to be elected and the freedom to work on any program or task that the Guild sees a need for. What we do, how we work, and accomplish the tenet of our PURPOSE is left to us to decide.

To this end we have Task Groups. Here I would like to present a small, new, and challenging visual aid suggesting areas of work to help us along the way toward the realization of the purpose of the Women's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild; that is, they "shall provide opportunities and resources to meet the needs and interests of women; to increase their knowledge of the concerns and responsibilities of the church in the world; and to share in Christian witness, service, and missionary outreach."

And, now here is my visual aid. It is entitled "to feel or not to feel" "Memo to: Working women" — and offers many ideas to you for task groups for work in your community, in the nation, in the world, and in your local church. It is a wonderful little item offering many challenging ideas for you to work with. Many of you have been asking "What is going to happen to the Guild" and you are fearful lest there be no more Guild under the new structure. But, let me say to you that you have been set free to work in many of the areas you felt you could not work in before because of structural restrictions. Now you have been cut loose from the "old" and can take up the challenge of the "new" that has been given to you. So the question of whether the Guild is going to live or die is up to you, the individual members, and it is only through meeting the issues, accepting the challenge, and work by each of you that the question will be decided — live? — die?

Now meetings — these are planned by the Conference Guild and/or District Guild Committee and should be interesting, informative, and meet the needs of the members.

But without persons none of these things can be accomplished nor can our purpose be realized. Let us ask and answer honestly — are we interested in persons as prospects for membership only? Do we ostracize those who are not teachers, white collar workers, or professional people?

There is one way that I would suggest to help you answer these questions. Look at the members of your unit. What are their occupations? Look at the membership of your church. Are there any persons on the church rolls or in the community who are not members of the Guild? Why? Is it because you have failed to invite them to become a member of the Guild? And, why have you failed to invite them? Is it because they are beneath you professionally or socially?

"The Wesleyan Service Guild is open to any employed woman who desires to participate in carrying out the purpose of the Wesleyan Service Guild. She shall become a member of the Guild by participating in its program each year through prayer, giving, and service."

I can only say to you at this point do not neglect anyone for any reason. Invite someone to membership in the Guild to-day.

# **BY-LAWS OF LOUISIANA CONFERENCE A**

## **WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD**

### **ARTICLE I — NAME**

Within the Louisiana Conference A Women's Society of Christian Service there shall be for employed women a Conference Wesleyan Service Guild.

### **ARTICLE II — FUNCTION**

The function of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild shall be to plan and direct the work of the Guild within the conference in accordance with the constitution and by-laws of the Women's Division, with special emphasis on the mission of the church as related to the needs, interests, and concerns of employed women in church, community, and world affairs.

### **ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP**

The members of the Conference Guild Committee, all former Conference Secretaries and/or Chairmen, the Recording Secretary, and Chairman of the Committee on Nominations in each district, and the elected delegates from local Guild units shall be members of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild. This membership shall constitute the voting body at the annual meeting.

### **ARTICLE IV — ELECTED LEADERSHIP**

**SECTION 1.** There shall be a Chairman of the Wesleyan Service Guild who shall be the presiding officer of the Conference Guild. There shall be a Recording Secretary and a Chairman of the Committee on Nominations.

**SECTION 2.** These officers shall be elected from the membership of the Wesleyan Service Guilds within the conference.

**SECTION 3.** (a) The Chairman of the Wesleyan Service Guild shall preside at the meetings of the Conference Guild and serve as chairman of the Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the conference. She shall promote the work of the Guild within the conference; receive reports from district chairmen of the Guild; report annually to the Women's Society of Christian Service of the conference. In accordance with the pattern of the Women's Division she shall report to the executive secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Division. She shall attend, as far as possible, district meetings of the Guild. She shall be responsible for planning of meetings of the Conference Guild. She shall represent the Guild and present its interests at the meetings of the Conference Society, of which she shall be an official member. She shall be a member of the Executive Committee, and the Committees on Finance and School of Christian Mission of the Conference Society. She shall present a budget to the Committee on Finance of the Conference Society. She shall represent the Conference Guild at the Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission and the Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission. She shall be an ex officio member of all committees of the Conference Guild except the Committee on Nominations. She shall be a delegate to meetings of the Jurisdiction Society/Guild.

(b) The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Conference Guild meetings and perform such other duties as may be authorized by the Conference Guild. She shall assist the Historian for the Conference Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild in securing information, particularly related to the Wesleyan Service Guild, for the historical records of the Conference Guild and Society.

## **ARTICLE V — COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES**

**SECTION (1)** (a) There shall be a Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the conference composed of the Chairman of the Conference Guild, the Recording Secretary, the Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, the Chairmen of the Guild in the Districts, the President, the Treasurer, the Chairmen of the program areas for Christian Social Relations, Missionary Education, and Spiritual Growth of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the conference, members of the Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Women's Division and the Core Planning Group of the Jurisdiction Society/Guild residing within the conference, and such co-opted members as the work demands.

(b) The Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Conference shall plan the work of the Guild within the conference, including guild weekends and other programs and meetings in order to meet the needs and purposes of the Conference Guild. Task Groups may be organized as needed.

**SECTION 2.** (a) There shall be a Committee on Nominations composed of five members whose duty shall be to present nominations of all officers, of members of the Committee on Nominations, and of representatives to the Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission.

(b) The Committee shall seek to find qualified women as nominees.

**SECTION 3.** There shall be an Administrative Committee, composed of the Conference Chairman, who shall be the chairman, the Recording Secretary, and three other members of the Conference Guild Committee, who shall be appointed biennially by the Conference Chairman. The Administrative Committee shall transact only necessary business in the interim between meetings of the Conference Guild Committee. It shall not change declared policy, the budget, or incur indebtedness.

**SECTION 4.** (a) There shall be a Committee on By-laws and Standing Rules, composed of the Conference Chairman, the Recording Secretary, and three other members of the Conference Guild Committee, who shall be appointed biennially by the Conference Chairman.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Committee on By-laws and Standing Rules to study all legislation concerning the program and structure of the Wesleyan Service Guild, and in keeping with new proposals and needs, to recommend appropriate revisions or additions to the current by-laws and standing rules. The committee shall be alert to the need for clarification in wording and for the elimination of overlapping, conflicting, or unnecessary items. It shall have authority to make editorial changes, and to incorporate in the by-laws of the conference any changes made by the Women's Division. The committee shall be prepared, upon request, to interpret the meaning and application of the by-laws and standing rules.

**SECTION 5.** (a) There shall be within the Conference Guild Committee a Budget Committee, composed of the Conference Chairman, who shall be the Committee Chairman, the Conference President, the Conference Treasurer, and two other members of the Guild Committee, who shall be appointed biennially by the Conference Chairman.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Committee to prepare, annually, the budget of the Conference Guild, to be presented by the Conference Chairman to the Committee on Finance of the Conference Society.

## **ARTICLE VI — ELECTIONS**

**SECTION 1.** (a) The Conference Guild, in annual meeting, shall elect the officers of the

Conference Wesleyan Service Guild and the Committee on Nominations.

(b) Elections shall be biennially. A term of office shall be four years and no officer shall hold the same office for more than four consecutive years.

(c) So that all vacancies shall not occur within the same year, the following pattern shall be the rule in the election of officers: at the second year of the quadrennium the Conference Chairman and three members of the Committee on Nominations shall be elected. At the fourth year of the quadrennium the Recording Secretary and two members of the Committee on Nominations shall be elected.

(d) A Chairman of the Committee on Nominations shall be elected biennially from the members of the Committee on Nominations by the Conference Guild in annual meeting. She shall be a member of the Conference Guild Committee irrespective of the tenure rule (See Section 8 that follows).

**SECTION 2.** In annual meeting, the Conference Guild shall elect three representatives to the Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission.

**SECTION 3.** Elections shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting an election. Where there is only one candidate for an office, the election may be by voice.

**SECTION 4.** Officers shall assume their duties immediately upon election or appointment. The out-going officers shall make the necessary reports.

**SECTION 5.** The election of the Conference Chairman of the Guild shall be confirmed by the Conference Women's Society.

**SECTION 6.** Three or more years of an unexpired term of a Conference officer shall be considered a full term.

**SECTION 7.** Vacancies occurring ad interim shall be filled for the remainder of the term involved by the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Committee.

**SECTION 8.** Tenure on the Committee of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild for elected leadership shall be limited to a total of eight years unless a woman is elected to serve as Chairman of the Conference Guild.

## **ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS**

**SECTION 1.** There shall be an annual meeting of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, where reports shall be received and necessary business transacted. All regular elections will be held at this meeting.

**SECTION 2.** There shall be an annual Guild weekend meeting, dates to be determined by the conference committee. All necessary business may be transacted at this annual weekend.

**SECTION 3.** The annual meeting and the annual Guild weekend are designated as regular business meetings.

## **ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS**

**SECTION 1.** Amendments to these by-laws, pertaining only to the Louisiana Conference A, may be made at meetings of the conference, provided the proposed amendments shall be sent to the Committee of the Conference Guild thirty days before the meeting, and the



Committee has had an opportunity to approve the proposed amendments before they are submitted to the membership.

**SECTION 2.** Additional by-laws may be made and amended by the Louisiana Conference A Wesleyan Service Guild provided they are in harmony with the Women's Division Constitution and By-laws for the Conference Guild.

## **STANDING RULES**

**RULE 1.** At the Annual Meeting and the Guild Weekend there shall be one voting delegate for each twenty (20) members or major fraction thereof in each local unit. Each unit shall have at least one (1) voting delegate.

**RULE 2. (a)** There shall be at least two meetings of the Conference Guild Committee each year. One of these shall be in connection with the annual meeting. The other shall be a mid-year meeting, the date to be designated by the Administrative Committee.

**(b)** There shall be a program of training in Guild work within each district, to be directed by the district Guild committee.

**RULE 3.** A Committee on Journal shall be appointed at each meeting to review the minutes of the Recording Secretary before they are mailed out to the members of the Conference Guild Committee. Such mailing shall be made as soon as possible after each meeting.

**RULE 4.** The three elected representatives to the Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission shall be Guild members of the Conference Guild Committee. They shall have responsibility for reporting to the Conference Guild Weekend.

**RULE 5. (a)** Expenses of the Annual Meeting shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund. This includes expenses of the members of the Conference Guild Committee for mileage, room and meals.

**(b)** Expenses of the members of the Conference Guild Committee to the mid-year meeting of the Conference Guild Committee shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund.

**(c)** Expenses of the following Conference Guild Committee members to Conference Guild Weekend shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund: the Conference Chairman, the Recording Secretary, co-opted Guild members to the committee, and Women's Society members of the committee.

**(d)** Expenses of the District Chairmen to Conference Guild Weekend shall be paid from District Cultivation Funds.

**(e)** Expenses of the Conference Chairman and the three elected representatives to the Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund. Travel shall be in one car and seven cents per mile shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund. If they elect to travel in separate cars, they shall prorate the allowed expense of seven cents per mile.

**(f)** Transportation by car for members of the Conference Guild Committee on official business within the Conference shall be allowed at seven cents per mile. Car pools are recommended and care should be exercised to accommodate four persons in a car whenever possible. When elected conference and district officers of the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Women's Society of Christian Service and other riders travel together in a car, each

person should share in the expense of the car, the conference officer charging her prorata share to the conference, and the district officer charging hers to the district, and other riders assuming their share in the expenses of the car.

(g) If any designated person elects to travel by means other than above, she shall do so at her own expense.

(h) All expense accounts shall be approved by the Conference Chairman.

(i) All funds over and above expenses at any conference meeting, with the exception of special offerings shall be directed to Conference Cultivation Fund.

(j) The Conference Treasurer shall distribute all funds.

**RULE 6.** The district cultivation fund shall be on the basis of 30¢ per member.

**RULE 7.** When death occurs among members of the Conference Guild Committee, to members of their immediate families, or to relatives living within their homes, an "In Remembrance Gift" of \$5.00 shall be sent as a memorial.

**RULE 8.** The retiring Conference Chairman of the Wesleyan Service Guild shall be a member of the Conference Guild Committee for one year following her term of office.

**RULE 9.** A member of the Conference Guild Committee shall be a member of the District Guild Committee of the district wherein she resides.

**RULE 10.** (a) The Registration Chairman for the Annual Meeting or other meetings of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild shall, not later than 30 days after the close of the meeting, render to the Conference Treasurer an itemized and written statement of all Receipts and Disbursements, showing any surplus or deficit.

(b) Surplus funds from the Annual Meeting and all other meetings of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild shall be paid to the Conference Treasurer, when the itemized and written statement is submitted, and shall be added to the Conference Cultivation Fund. In the event of a deficit unpaid bills shall be submitted to the Conference Chairman for approval and paid by the Conference Treasurer.

(c) It shall be the responsibility of the District Chairman of the District responsible for registration to see that this rule is followed.

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# CALENDAR FOR THE TREASURERS

June 1 — December 31,  
1969

## Local Guild treasurer report due treasurer local society

First Quarter ..... August 20, 1969  
Second Quarter ..... December 1, 1969

## Local Society Treasurer report District treasurer

First Quarter ..... August 25, 1969  
Second Quarter ..... December 5, 1969

## District treasurer report Conference treasurer

First Quarter ..... September 5, 1969  
Second Quarter ..... December 15, 1969

## Conference treasurer report Women's Division

First Quarter ..... September 15, 1969  
Second Quarter ..... December 31, 1969

All treasurers will close their books December 31, 1969 and will then set their books up for the calendar year to be the fiscal year.

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January 1 — December 31, 1970

## Local Guild treasurer report due treasurer local Society

First Quarter ..... March 1, 1970  
Second Quarter ..... June 1, 1970  
Third Quarter ..... September 1, 1970  
Fourth Quarter ..... December 1, 1970

## Local treasurer report District treasurer

First Quarter ..... March 10, 1970  
Second Quarter ..... June 10, 1970  
Third Quarter ..... September 10, 1970  
Fourth Quarter ..... December 10, 1970

## District treasurer report Conference treasurer

First Quarter ..... March 20, 1970  
Second Quarter ..... June 20, 1970  
Third Quarter ..... September 20, 1970  
Fourth Quarter ..... December 20, 1970

## Conference treasurer report Women's Division

First Quarter ..... March 28, 1970  
Second Quarter ..... June 28, 1970  
Third Quarter ..... September 28, 1970  
Fourth Quarter ..... December 31, 1970

All treasurers will close their books December 31, 1970 and will have completed their first year's work with the calendar year being the fiscal year.

